

# South Africans find antidote for discord

By Robert O'Brien

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (BP) — A multiracial band of university students here, led by a couple from the United States, has begun developing an antidote to the deadly ingredients brewing in South Africa's cauldron of racial unrest.

They're doing it through a Baptist Student Union (BSU) group, which began about two years ago under the leadership of Southern Baptist missionaries Keith and Terry Blakley near the University of Cape Town.

Since then, the BSU at the University of Cape Town has grown from a small, struggling group to more than 100 students. BSU members there and in smaller programs at Western Cape and Stellenbosch Universities have begun to set aside prejudices and look at each other as human beings.

They're slowly forging a formula for racial harmony in a crucible of growing relationships among an unlikely mix of white Americans and a rainbow of South Africans — black, white, Asian, and "colored" (South Africa's term for people of mixed race).

Whether South Africans in general heed that formula, the students are learning firsthand that wrath produces personal and societal destruction and love produces an environment in which life can blossom.

The blossom has opened slowly and tentatively under patient nurture by the Blakleys, former Texas Baptist student workers who operate the BSU in their home, where students come into daily contact with them and their three young children.

"I felt I was more accepted at BSU than anywhere," said a black student, who was skeptical at first. "Acceptance creates acceptance."

Acceptance by the Blakleys primed the environment for the students to accept each other, though they circled each other warily in the beginning.

But the Blakleys' American nationality and their approach to ministry and spiritual nurture also had a lot to do with their success.

Many students gave them a chance they wouldn't have given a South African because they perceived them as open, non-racial outsiders.

Students also responded enthusiastically to BSU's concern for ministries to spiritual and physical needs — especially to Terry Blakley's successful effort to start Khayamandi, a home for South Africa's starving black street children.

"When Terry talked to us about the needs of the black children, we just envisioned giving them a cup of soup," a white student said. "It's phenomenal to see a building with 33 kids living in it. It convinces us the Lord will work through us."

Spiritual nurture has included a variety of approaches, but two things — the MasterLife discipleship training plan and BSU retreats — have done most to show students positive counterparts to the cauldron's negative ingredients.

"If we didn't do anything else, I'd do MasterLife," Keith Blakley says.

"Students have come into it too shy to talk and come out as maturing."

Christians who witness to persons of all races and win them to Christ. It's the backbone of everything."

The students agree. "Keith wasn't only interested in numbers, he was interested in me and wanted me to become a disciple of Jesus Christ," a black student said. "MasterLife turned me around."

Against that background, BSU retreats opened up a new way of relating. One retreat, built on the theme, "Father Make Us One," forced them into creative confrontation. Students of all races credit it as a turning point.

Keith Blakley echoes that: "We dealt with what the Scripture says about oneness in Christ and then how we can make that a practical reality in the South African context. We hammered it out in real confrontation and honest sharing — and it was a life-changing experience."

A white student explained how it set the tone for reconciliation: "We broke into interracial groups and shared how we felt. Blacks admitted hatred. Whites admitted prejudice. It changed the atmosphere. Since then, a spirit of acceptance has begun to jell and we have begun to become colorblind."

"Only two here still treat me as a 'colored,'" added a "colored" student, "and I still see some as 'whites.' But I'm learning to see the merits of what a person can do rather than look at color. Sometimes a human error by a white still causes me to be defensive, but now I try to deal with it instead of being automatically defensive."

Now he has turned away from violence as an option for solving South African problems toward a career in ministry. A big step toward that came when he repented of deep hatred he felt for anyone in the South African military, which has battled "coloreds" during racial unrest.

At the end of the retreat, he told a white student who served in the army: "Now I can love you and understand you. I realize you're a person like me. You have the same struggles and problems I do. Maybe you don't really want to be in a caspir (large armored vehicle)."

The white student responded that he could never fire on blacks or "coloreds" now that he had learned to see them as people like himself.

The young "colored" man's willingness to give up anger and forgive wasn't easy. Non-whites in South Africa have dealt with deep hurt and feelings of unworthiness from childhood in a society which sends messages in many ways that whites are superior.

Many South Africans yearn for a revival which would convert their cauldron into a melting pot and discord into the kind of oneness of spirit students find at the Baptist Student Union in Cape Town.

"BSU is a place you can come and be colorblind and unravel your prejudice," a white student said. "You may cringe inside the first time a black puts his arm around you, but then you realize he's the same as you."

Robert O'Brien writes for the FMB.



Baptist Student Union, pioneered in South Africa by Southern Baptist missionaries Keith Blakley (center in white shirt) and his wife, Terry, has become a force for reconciliation in a country divided over racial relationships. A rainbow

of South Africans — black, white, Asian and "colored" (South Africa's term for people of mixed race) — are learning to forge bonds of love and understanding to replace anger and divisiveness. (BP) PHOTO By Warren Johnson.

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### Missionaries in Korea: "abide by rules and life moves on"

By Erich Bridges

PUSAN, South Korea (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to South Korea. That could change if the government applies "extraordinary measures" to restore order, as it threatened June 19 after protesters killed a policeman in Taejon. Whether those measures might include some form of martial law remains to be seen.

But so far, missionaries say the violent student protests have not seriously disrupted their work or that of Korean Baptist churches.

"We're having a lot of demonstrations down here in Pusan," reported medical missionary Charles Sands on June 18. Sands works at the Baptist hospital in the southern city.

"We've (treated) two or three students for getting too much tear gas," Sands said. "Last night, apparently the police were chasing the students, and a bunch of them ran in the hospital and of course that brought in all the tear gas . . . It was kind of a mess this morning when I went down there."

Missionaries confirm an anti-American tone in some of the demonstrations. They say the protests are directed against U.S. government policy toward South Korea, not against American citizens there. But U.S. officials have warned Americans to avoid the demonstrations.

"We're close enough to Yonsei (University) that we get tear gas every time they do," said Don Jones, administrator in Seoul for the 135

Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to South Korea.

That could change if the government applies "extraordinary measures" to restore order, as it threatened June 19 after protesters killed a policeman in Taejon. Whether those measures might include some form of martial law remains to be seen.

"We've had martial law here many times," said Jones, a 31-year veteran of Korea missions. "You abide by the rules, and life moves on."

But observers say martial law would be a serious step just 15 months before the start of the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, which Koreans see as a chance to showcase their remarkable national achievements for the world. And no one wants another Kwangju.

Hundreds of people died in 1980 in the city of Kwangju, when the military crushed a violent student rebellion. "There was considerably more violence in the Kwangju incident, but it didn't last this long," Jones said of the current protests.

University students, the political opposition, some church groups, and a growing segment of the middle class are demanding direct election of the president, rather than the current indirect electoral system. The government cut off negotiations on the issue in April and ruled talks could not resume until after next February,

when President Chun Doo Hwan is scheduled to turn power over to a successor chosen by the National Assembly.

In late June, however, the government appeared to be moderating its stand against negotiations in the face of national unrest. President Chun agreed to meet with opposition leaders.

Escalation of the recent demonstrations began when protesters occupied the grounds of the Myongdong Cathedral in Seoul, with the apparent support of Korean Catholic leaders. In recent years many Korean Protestants have joined Catholics in calling for political and social change. Korean Baptists, up to this point, have not.

Erich Bridges writes for the Foreign Mission Board.

### Literature price increase expected

NASHVILLE — Officials of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board have announced that a church literature price increase in the range of 3.5 to 4.5 percent is expected to become effective in April 1988.

Paper costs for literature are expected to increase by approximately seven to eight percent along with a postal rate hike of at least five percent, according to BSSB officials.



# Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

## What price evolution?

I have never been one for teaching creationism in public school. It was never taught to me when I was in public school. Neither was evolution.

Now the Supreme Court has tried to straighten out that matter by saying the creationism may not be taught in public school because it is only a thinly veiled attempt to promote religion.

But what about evolution? It is a blatant attempt to discount religion.

The first amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which the court is trying to protect, says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." Perhaps the teaching of creationism does that.

The Constitution goes on to say, however, "or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The teaching of evolution seems to tamper with that

part of the statement.

So what should we do?

It seems simple enough that if evolution is to be taught, creationism should be explained also. Personally, I would be happy to see both concepts left out. The home and the church seem to be adequate entities to explain the beginning of things.

There the two would not be fighting each other.

## Guest opinions . . .

## Peace Committee dominates state newspaper editorials

By Marv Knox

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention Peace Committee dominated editorial pages of the denomination's state newspapers in the wake of the SBC annual meeting June 16-18.

"The Peace Committee report was the most significant action of our 130th annual meeting," wrote Fletcher Allen of Maryland-Delaware. "A Baptist convention is primarily a business meeting, and taking top billing on the business agenda in St. Louis was the report of the SBC Peace Committee," echoed Presnall Wood of Texas, expressing a theme repeated by his colleagues.

The peace report concluded two years of study by the 22-member committee, created at the 1985 SBC annual meeting in Dallas. The committee was asked to determine the causes of and suggest solutions to the theological/political controversy within the convention, and it offered its findings and recommendations during this year's St. Louis meeting.

Those recommendations "mark the path for taking steps to deal with the theological and political problems that have plagued our convention for the past several years," wrote Glenn Brown of Oklahoma. "Our problems are not solved yet, and there are no easy solutions. But we are intact as a convention."

"Southern Baptists are deeply indebted to the members of the Peace Committee," said Louisiana's Lynn Clayton. "They did not work the miracle of bringing peace, but they did help us focus on the specifics of our problems, and they have offered recommendations that can be of significant benefit if properly implemented."

"The Peace Committee is to be

commended for having done what some skeptics had said would never happen. It presented a report with substance, and did it without dissent from its ranks," noted John Roberts of South Carolina. He called the absence of a minority presentation "the most hopeful note of the report."

Added Bill Webb of Illinois: "Peace Committee members representing the whole theological spectrum of Southern Baptists believe it the best report they could submit. While no document can guarantee peace, this one can be used to help realize peace . . ."

On the other hand, the report "will not add to the peace so desperately needed in Southern Baptist circles," countered R.G. Puckett of North Carolina. "The lengthy report appears to favor the Pressler-Patterson Coalition (of more conservative Southern Baptists) in its ongoing effort to control the convention. Some of the leaders in that group hailed the report as a victory."

The latter claim was mirrored by Indiana's David Simpson in a favorable assessment: "The Peace Committee report was thorough, fair and helpful."

Some challenges came from the floor, but each was turned back with resounding ease. The report appeared to favor conservatives in that it reflected what they have said is the source and solution to the controversy.

Some of the editors expressed reservations concerning how the report — which was approved by an estimated 95 percent majority — would be utilized following the convention.

"Committee Chairman Charles Fuller said the report is not and should not be considered a creed, but

it is inevitable that interpretation of the report could be used by some as a creedal tool in an attempt to correct and control," wrote Wood of Texas. Added Kentucky's Jack Sanford, "No matter what it is called, (it) is a creed because it forces all who wish to continue in the mainstream to conform to a certain statement about the Bible."

A majority of editors also scored the report for a recommendation that continued the life of the committee for up to three years to observe SBC agencies and officers "in an effort to encourage compliance and foster harmonious working relationships" in the convention.

"That makes it a watchdog committee," said Don McGregor of Mississippi.

"We have never had such a thing as that. It is recognized that these are difficult times, but the use of the committee in such a role is a questionable application."

Said Everett Sneed of Arkansas: "We agree this is not the function of the Peace Committee. However, it is extremely unlikely that the committee could function in this manner, since it is so closely balanced."

Missouri's Bob Terry noted: "Peace Committee Chairman Charles Fuller said presidential appointments is one of the areas the Peace Committee will continue to monitor. That was an encouraging announcement."

Several editors also expressed reservations about a recommendation that suggests "trustees determine the theological positions of the seminary administrators and faculty members . . ."

"The proper role and function of trustees is to set policy which is then to be implemented by administration. This unfortunate and drastic proposal

## Our freedom package

July is independence month for the United States. Actually, as everyone is well aware, July 4 is the day ascribed to the termination of our affiliation with Great Britain.

Having missed a week of publication, and having been occupied with matters related to the recent Southern Baptist Convention in the two issues since that convention, we did not have a chance to address the concept of independence in a statement related to July 4.

After a brief introduction that noted "When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another . . ." the framers of the independence declaration wrote, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The statement wound up by point-

would alter this procedure and involve trustees in matters for which many, if not most, of them are not at all prepared by training or experience," wrote Virginia's Julian Pentecost.

"Implementation . . . agency by agency may set a tone for state conventions, associations, and even local churches," warned Jack Harwell of Georgia. "We need to pray earnestly and review history before rushing to enforce varying degrees of uniformity and conformity — in the name of peace."

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ing out that "these united colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent states . . ."

With those words and the remainder of the Declaration of Independence the citizens of the colonies established their separation from Great Britain and their freedom from British control.

We get all tangled up with ourselves sometimes. In fact, it seems that we stay in some sort of turmoil all of the time. But we are free. We are free to make mistakes, and we are free to work our way out of our mistakes.

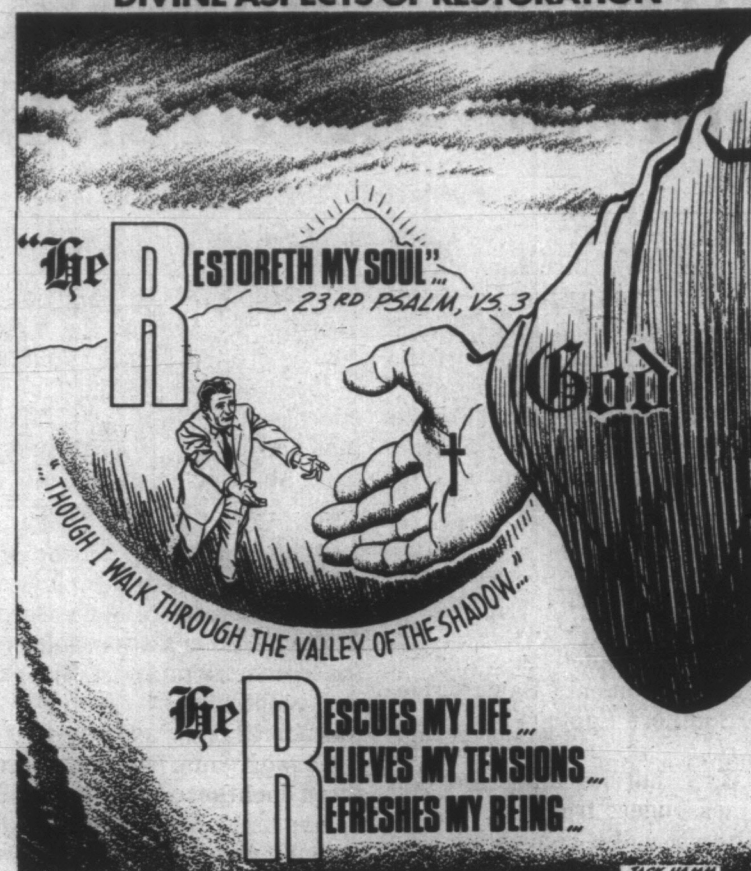
We consider this freedom to be particularly precious. We have taken up arms when it was threatened. We spend a great deal of our time, thoughts, and energies in defending our freedom.

And in the total concept of freedom is the free nature of a matter very close to all of us — our religion. Surely we are grateful for this freedom and will see that it is protected. The First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees our freedom of religion by stating, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Our freedom to practice our religion carries with it the responsibility for spreading our religion. Freedom of religion means little unless the people embrace some sort of religion. Our job is to provide the witness in whatever way it is effective so that those who have no relationship with our Lord will find their way into such a relationship.

It's all a part of our freedom package.

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# Christian Life Commission asks abortion-neutral bill support

By Tim Fields

NASHVILLE (BP) — N. Larry Baker, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, has written a letter to U.S. senators urging them to support the Danforth Abortion-Neutral Amendment or a similar amendment to the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, which is waiting to be introduced on the floor of the Senate.

"At the recent annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, a resolution was adopted endorsing the Danforth Amendment," Baker wrote. "As the Southern Baptist Convention agency representing more than 37,000 cooperating churches and more than 23,000 messengers from those churches attending the convention, the Christian Life Commission urges you to . . . support the Danforth Amendment or some such effort to achieve its purpose of rendering the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 neutral

in effect and intent on the abortion issue."

According to Baker and other anti-abortion proponents, the legislation now before the Senate could be used to force Southern Baptist and other educational institutions and hospitals that accept any federal funds to include abortion in health benefit plans for students and employees.

"If institutions did not comply, they might be threatened by lawsuits for sex discrimination," Baker said. "The CRRA S.557 legislation would reverse the 1984 Supreme Court 'Grove v. Bell' decision that narrowed application of the federal civil rights laws," he said. "The high court held that Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 applied only to a specific 'program or activity' receiving federal grants, not the entire institution."

"Passage of the CRRA without the amendment would mean that civil rights laws would cover the entire in-

stitution, opening the possibility that abortion coverage would be a requirement of religiously affiliated institutions, including those morally opposed to abortion."

Baker also told senators in the letter: "It is our opinion that S.557, whether intentionally or unintentionally, might in effect codify current problematic regulations in a way that would further extend legalized abortion rights."

"This result seems incompatible with current restrictions on the use of federal funds for abortion services. It also raises serious questions about the legitimate self-determination of healthcare institutions."

In addition to the letter, Baker said he is calling on all Southern Baptists who are concerned about abortion to write their senators immediately, urging support of the Danforth or similar amendment.

Tim Fields writes for the Christian Life Commission.



Picture an alligator

The Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Conference at Gulfshore, July 6-8 included separate conferences for kindergarten-day care workers. Here, Lida Stark, a Jackson music teacher, involves the teachers in a music activity. Concerning music and children, "You want them all to know they

can participate and learn . . . the love of Jesus through music," she says. Shirley Oglesby of the MBCB coordinated the kindergarten-day care program. More photos on page 8. (Tim Nicholas photo)

## Baptist Memorial plans 75th birthday to include employees

Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, largest private hospital in the United States with 2,068 beds and admissions of nearly 50,000 patients a year, has launched an extended observance of its 75th anniversary with a series of events involving Southern Baptist pastors, trustees, physicians, nurses, hostesses, and other employees.

The hospital opened on July 20, 1912 as a 150-bed institution with trustees elected by Southern Baptists in Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee. From Baptist Memorial was spawn-

ed the Baptist Memorial Health Care System in 1981 which serves as the parent body of 24 corporations with the hospital as the flagship.

Baptist nurses opened the celebration by attracting 120 alumni from throughout the United States for a weekend of activities.

More than 115 former hostesses also converged upon Memphis from distant parts of the United States June 20 for a major reunion dinner and presentations by Frank S. Groner, president emeritus; Joseph H. Powell, president; and Stephen Reynolds,

senior vice president.

Groner, who directed Baptist Memorial during 1946-80, established the hostess program in 1953, the first patient representative activity of its kind in the United States.

Powell, who became president of the hospital in 1980, also heads the health care system.

Hospital trustees, administrators, department directors and guests were to mark the anniversary at a banquet July 16 at the Peabody Hotel.

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## U.S. - overseas university program link considered

By Lonnie Wilkey

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — Southern Baptist college and university presidents are considering a proposal to form a consortium in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.

This plan would link stateside universities to those overseas — many in places where no missionaries can work.

The FMB proposal was one of several matters considered by members of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools during their annual meeting June 29-July 1 in Kansas City.

Lewis Meyers, director of Cooperative Services International, a subsidiary of the board, presented the consortium concept to about 100 college presidents and deans.

Meyers told educators about the board's commitment to global cooperative evangelism and of its desire to establish the Cooperative Services International Educational Consortium with Baptist colleges.

He said that educational institutions offer a potential solution for placing Christian witnesses into countries where missionaries are prohibited.

Many developing countries are seeking means to advance in technological areas, Meyers said. As

a result these countries are open to educational institutions establishing new programs or conducting faculty exchange partnerships with existing universities.

Meyers said that an immediate opportunity exists to establish a graduate university in Yumgis, China, in cooperation with a Chinese university.

He said, however, this effort may be delayed until Chinese officials raise funds to construct the school in the northwest part of China. Upon construction, the proposed consortium would supply the faculty members.

Other possibilities, such as exchange of faculty and students, exist in other countries, including some where Baptist colleges already have relationships with universities, Myers said.

Meyers said that many details would need to be worked out. Bob R. Agee, president of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee and a member of the original committee, agreed: "We are blazing new trails. There has to be a willingness to let evolutionary processes occur."

Also during the annual association's meeting, educators heard an update

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## Mississippi minister biographies published

A 313-page volume containing more than 800 biographies of living Baptist ministers now serving in Mississippi or who have served in the state until recently has been published by the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission. The work of compiling the information necessary for publishing the book was done by Jack Gunn, executive secretary of the commission.

The book is available for \$15.95 at the Baptist Book Store in Jackson.

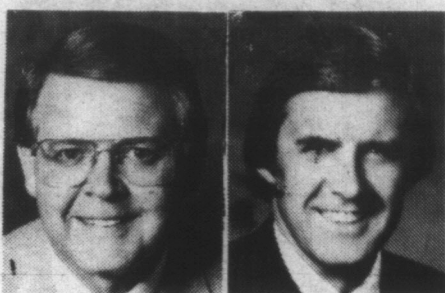
In the information accompanying the volume it is pointed out that the effort was made to "provide information about living ordained ministers who have served churches or agencies of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The biographies included, listed alphabetically, are of those who mail-

ed in the request biographical information. Pastors of large city churches as well as those of small rural churches who may make a living at another occupation and preach as part-time pastors are included."

The inspiration for the book was provided by a similar listing printed in 1895 by L. S. Foster. In his preface, Gunn says that the commission has taken on the task of publishing as many volumes as necessary in order to provide as many biographies as possible of ministers who have served in the state since 1895. He calls on Mississippi Baptists to help in assembling the information necessary to complete the job. The address is Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, Box 51, Mississippi College Library, Clinton, Miss. 39056.



# Cooper, Gunn will preach for Gulfshore Sunday School week



Gunn

Cooper

Eddie Cooper and Frank Gunn will serve as preachers for the 1987 Sunday School Leadership conferences at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. Eddie Cooper, pastor of First Church, Oxford, will be preacher for Sunday School Leadership Conferences I and II, July 27-29 and July 30-August 1. Frank Gunn, pastor of First Church, Biloxi, will preach in Conferences III and IV, August 3-5 and August 6-8.

Music leaders are Bill and Martha Bacon of First Church, Clinton, for the first two conferences, and Leon Bedsole of First Church, Biloxi, for the last conferences.

"Touch Lives, Change People" is the theme for the 1987 Sunday School Leadership Conferences.

Leadership conferences will be provided for all areas of Sunday School

leadership, including a special conference for pastors. Guy Henderson, director of the Evangelism Department, and Keith Wilkinson, director of the sponsoring Sunday School Department, will lead this conference. General officers will be led by James Webster of Hinds-Madison Association, and by Judd Allen of the Sunday School Department.

A special feature of the training will be preschool and children's lab schools, where preschool and children's workers can actually observe children being taught. "We believe this feature of our training puts Sunday School leadership conferences on par with training offered at Ridgecrest and Glorieta," said Wilkinson.

Children's conference leaders include Marlene Tompkins, Betty Davis, and Brenda Marchman. Preschool conference leaders include Kathryn Price, Karen Claunch, Sarah Harrell, and Kathryn Waites. Workers with the preschool lab are Carol Williams, Julia Summerlin, Sondra Crider, Betty Jo Hall and Sue Cook. Children's lab school workers are Barbara Wilkinson, Karen Simmons, and Lily Culp.

A conference for workers with single adults will be offered again this year. This conference is designed to

encourage churches to establish and improve their work to reach and teach single adults. Bill Crider, minister of education, First Church, Hattiesburg, and Ted Taylor, minister of education, First Church, Starkville, will lead the conferences. Both have active singles work in their Sunday School organizations. Other adult conference leaders include Carolyn Ulmer of Conroe, Texas, and Keith Williams, adult consultant, Sunday School Department.

YouthPlus planning will be a feature of this year's youth conferences. YouthPlus is the youth Challenge 10/90 emphasis to reach more youths through the Sunday School. Lala Cooper of Oxford and Joanne Whitten of Valley Park will lead the youth conferences. Ruth Allen of Jackson will lead the youth Bible study.

Special conferences include the annual Church Media Library conference during the Aug. 3-5 session. Two conferences will be offered, one for experienced and one for novice library workers. A special ministries conference will be for workers with the deaf and with mentally handicapped.

Space is still available for Sunday School Leadership conference sessions, I, III, and IV. Reservations may be made by contacting Frank Simmons, manager of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.



Jaime Mayorga

## Willis Bennett named provost at Southern

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — G. Willis Bennett, dean of the school of theology at Southern Seminary here, has been named provost of the seminary.

Thomas F. Mabe, 52, vice president of the Baptist Medical Center Foundation in Kansas City, Mo., was named vice president for development of the seminary.

Bennett, dean of the school of theology since 1963, will serve as the seminary's chief academic officer. Most of those responsibilities had been retained by former Provost Honeycutt after his election as president in 1982.

As vice president, Mabe will direct the seminary's development programs, including capital funding, annual giving, and estate planning.

## Black messengers applaud material

ST. LOUIS (BP) — The introduction of new Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission materials was met with applause at the fellowship dinner of Black Southern Baptist messengers here.

"We are committed to all our churches," said James Smith, executive director of the Memphis, Tenn.-based commission. Smith showed covers of new men and boy's literature which all included illustrations of ethnics, blacks, and anglos.

Also speaking to the 100 messengers at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board-sponsored meeting was Milton Boyd, associational director of Black church relations for Montgomery Baptist Association, Montgomery, Ala.

"We have more women than men in our churches. Until we turn those men around to win other men, our churches and communities are in trouble.

Brotherhood organizations are one way to bring men to an involvement that helps them feel fulfilled in the church," said Boyd, who also serves as pastor of two churches in Montgomery.

## It happened in Meadville: 8,000 came

By Jim Alford

The highest attendance ever of any single event in Franklin County was The Jaime Mayorga "Go Tell" Crusade sponsored by the Franklin County Baptist Association. Franklin County boasts approximately 3,000 people — more than 4,500 people attended the Thursday night service.

The response was overwhelming — 602 people accepted Christ publicly as their Savior, 270 people rededicated their lives to faithful Christian service, while 74 others made other important decisions in their Christian lives. Two people announced their calling to enter the ministry.

Jim Alford, pastor of New Hope Church, noted "The Crusade showed my people what God can do if we allow him to work through us. Our outreach has increased as a result of the Crusade."

"We now have a group within our church who are enthusiastic about soul winning in people's homes — something that was not frequently done before the Crusade," said Jack Evans, pastor of Siloam Church.

The Crusade was led by Jaime Mayorga and was held at the Franklin High School Football Stadium, a stadium seating approximately 2,000 people. The stands were packed nightly with over double capacity realized on the fifth night of the Crusade.

The Franklin County Southern Baptist churches rallied together to sponsor the Crusade. Each church was actively involved in the crusade preparation which involved fourteen specialized committees. The preparation was carried out in four months, yielding much fruit. One church which averages approximately 70 members in Sunday School weekly, baptized 22 new believers.

Jaime also spoke to thousands of regional youth in his very popular school assembly program entitled, "A War on Drugs." Larry Jones, superintendent of Franklin County School System, praised the assembly program for its "positive impact" on area youths.

## Christians persecuted in Ethiopia on increase

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (EP) — Persecution of Christians in Marxist Ethiopia is intensifying, according to a representative of the Lutheran Mekane Yesus Church in Ethiopia. Arbitrary arrests, torture and kidnapping of Christians are commonplace, according to the Rev. Tasgara Hirpo, a former Ethiopian church leader who was quoted in a West German news service.

Ethiopia is currently holding 7,000 Christians in custody, according to Hirpo, and 2,000 Protestant churches have been closed since that African nation's Marxist revolution. Many Christian social programs have been taken over by the government, and the secretary general of the Mekane Yesus Church, Gudina Tumsa, was kidnapped in 1979 and disappeared without a trace, according to Hirpo.

## Crusades viewed as "joyride"

# Religion ommitted from texts says educational leadership

By Kathy Palen

WASHINGTON (BP) — In the wake of reports on the absence of religion in public school textbooks, the nation's largest educational leadership organization has called for an end to curricular silence on religion.

Releasing its own report on "Religion in the Curriculum," the 80,000-member Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development listed recommendations for correcting the "glaring omission" of religion in public school curricula.

The report — which advocated teaching about religion and its role in society, but rejected teaching of religious doctrines in public schools — included recommendations that:

— Educators at the local level involve religious professionals and other community leaders in curricular decision making.

— Education agencies conduct staff development sessions on religion in curriculum and provide guidelines for textbook selection committees.

— Publishers revise textbooks and other instructional materials to provide adequate treatment of diverse religions and their roles in American and world culture.

— Local educators and their national organizations explore ways to garner public support for teaching about religion.

— Scholars and educators undertake a major research and development effort to develop new curricular materials and instructional methods for teaching about religion in various subject areas.

The organization's executive director, Gordon Cawelti, said during a news conference that the disappearance of religion from public school curricula is not a recent event but has evolved over several decades.

Cawelti credited a misinterpretation of the concept of separation of church and state and an oversensitivity to community pressures on the part of school personnel and textbook publishers with contributing to the problem.

A member of the panel that drafted the report said religion has been omitted from the study of literature, political science and other fields of study, as well as from history, the area that has received the most attention in other recent reports.

O.L. Davis, panel member and pro-

fessor of education at the University of Texas, said the the absence of religion in curriculum has resulted in a "collapse and distortion of history." He pointed to such examples as the Crusades, which he said now are portrayed as little more than a "joyride" or "exotic shopping trip," and the life of Martin Luther King Jr., which he said cannot be understood fully outside the context of the civil rights advocate's black Baptist roots.

Also absent, Davis said, are facts about religion's negative influences on society, such as the religious justifications for slavery and housing restrictions aimed at Jews. "The whole story of the role of religions in this country needs to be illustrated, warts and all," he said.

When asked by a reporter whether the trend away from teaching about religion is related to the growing influence of "secular humanism," Davis answered with an emphatic "no." He later added the term "is not only a red flag, but a red herring."

Kathy Palen writes for the BP Washington bureau.



# New writers comment on Sunday School lessons

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Three new writers began this month their turn at writing Sunday School lesson commentaries for the Baptist Record. They will continue through December. Al Finch is doing the Life and Work series, Rex Yancey the Bible Book, and Julian Fagan the Uniform.

Al Finch has been pastor at First Church, Greenwood, since 1985. His previous pastorates had included First Church, Prattville, Ala.; Woodland Hills, Jackson; First, Canton; Central, Mobile; Calvary, Yazoo City; and DeSoto Church at DeSoto.

Finch, born at Laurel, is married to the former Frances Wicks and is the father of two children. He is a graduate of Quitman High School, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary, and completed residency and seminary requirements for the doctor of ministries degree at the San Francisco Presbyterian Seminary.

He has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, as a special stewardship worker for the Alabama Baptist Convention, and as a member of the Foreign Mission Board (1979-1985).

Rex Yancey has been pastor of First Church, Quitman, since 1981. Before then he was pastor at First, Saltillo; Jayess; Brewer Church, Shannon; and churches in Tippah and Union counties. From 1972 until 1974 he was in full-time evangelism.

Yancey is married to the former

## Jordan school holds first graduation

AMMAN, Jordan — Eighteen Jordanian teen-agers received diplomas during the first graduation exercises of the Amman Baptist School, Amman, Jordan. Three had attended the school since 1974, the year it opened with 14 students. The school has since grown to 450 students in kindergarten through grade 12. Paul Smith, founder of the school and now a Southern Baptist representative in Morocco, returned for the graduation exercises in May. The current director is missionary Wilson Tatum.

## Arsonists burn

SANTIAGO-DE CUBA (BWA) — Installations of the Baptist camp and conference center in Cuba have been heavily damaged by a fire which is thought to be the work of arsonists.

The property, "Los Indios," operated by the Baptist convention of Eastern Cuba, is the second Baptist property in the Sugua de Tarano region to have suffered fire damage in recent years.

In 1985, an arsonist was responsible for damage to a church building and pastor's home, for which he was later sentenced to 18 months in prison.

Convention President Francisco O. Alvarez Cantillo asked the convention's churches to collect an offering for the reconstruction costs.

He also urged prayer for the believers in the region, for the church which still does not have full use of its premises since the damage two years ago, and for "the young prisoner and those who committed the more recent cruel act, in order that they may come to know the Lord and his salvation."

Ellon Paseur; they have two children. Born at Dumas in Tippah County, he was graduated from Pine Grove High School, Booneville. He received the B.A. degree from Blue Mountain College and M.Div. from New Orleans Seminary and did additional study at William Carey. Recently he received the doctor of ministries degree from New Orleans Seminary.

He has been moderator of Lee and Clarke County association, and was on the Board of Trustees of Blue Mountain College.

Julian W. Fagan III has been pastor at First Church, Pontotoc, since August, 1983. Before then he was interim pastor at First, Nettleton.

Fagan, born at Laurel, married Kay McHarg; they have three children. He was graduated from R. H. Watkins High School in Laurel, received the B.A. degree and juris doctorate from University of Mississippi and the M.Div. degree from Southwestern Seminary. In May, 1987, he received the doctor of ministries degree from New Orleans Seminary.

In his career, he was a professional football player and a lawyer before he became a pastor. He played with the New Orleans Saints, 1970-1972, and the New York Jets, 1973-74. In 1970 he was the Saints' Rookie of the Year, and All-Pro. From 1973 until 1981 he practiced law at Amory. During that time (1976-1980) he was Mississippi prosecuting attorney for Monroe County.

While at University of Mississippi he was president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. At First Church, Amory, he was a deacon.

In 1984-85 he was on the Constitution Committee, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and 1985-87 was a trustee of Blue Mountain College.



## Garaywa summer staffers

This is the summer staff at Camp Garaywa, operated by Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union for Acteens and GA camping. Their home churches and home towns are listed. All are from the left: top — Missy Hester, First Church, Water Valley; Gale Griffith, First Church, McComb; Denise Riley, First Church, Water Valley; Barbara Rivers, Neshoba Church, Union; Jayme Evans, Bayou View Church, Gulfport; Christy Gandy, First Church, Hattiesburg; second row from back — Becky Parman, Shiloh Church, Port Gibson; Sandy Leeper, Zion Church, Pontotoc; Charla Harrison, First Church, Lauderdale; Tammie Brown, Hebron Church, Grenada; Marilyn Taylor, Trinity Church, Laurel; Laura Wright, First Church, Tupelo; Mandy Sharp, First Church, Water Valley; third row from back: Kim Risher, Forest Church, Morton; Susan Crisco, First Church,

Escatawpa, Moss Point; Patty Wilder, Wiggins Church, Carthage; Shelia Jones, Madden Church, Carthage; Carol Bates, Leesburg Church, Morton; Michelle Miller, Temple Church, Hattiesburg; Carol Herrod, First Church, Eupora; Ellen Malone, First Church, Clinton; front row: Jan Johnson, Trinity Church, Laurel; Mendy Kellum, East End Church, Columbus; Susan Gordon, Liberty Church, Liberty; Mary James, First Church, Canton; Carol Mason, First Church, Tupelo; Deborah Carraway, Walnut Grove Church, Walnut Grove; April Crommett, First Church, Memphis, Southaven; Nathalie Wilkinson, Perkinston Church, Perkinston; Denise Collins, Second Church, Kosciusko; Not in picture: Teresa Kennedy, Dry Creek Church, Magee; Lauren Fears, First Church, Tupelo.



## New MSU BSU officers

The newly elected Mississippi State University Baptist Student Union officers for 1987-88 are seated: Pam Fondren, Starkville, intra-mural chair; Dale Amason, Birmingham, publicity chair; Robbie Moore, Northport, AL., vice-president; Greg Frady, Meridian, discipleship chair; Todd Davis, Columbus, worship/study chair; Angie Atkins, Columbus, international chair; standing: Sandy Bilbo, Wiggins, social chair; Houston Bass, Lumberton, president; Vanessa Purvis, Enterprise, missions chair; Craig Slay, Brandon, student center chair; Carol Bates, Morton, community missions; not pictured: Alan Permenter, West Point, music chair; Ramona Longstreet, Jackson, campus outreach.

## New British Baptist president will not 'wave flag for women'

BRADFORD, ENGLAND — For the first time in 175 years the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland has elected a woman minister as its president. The only other woman president in the Union's history, Nell Alexander who was elected in 1978, was not a minister.

The new president, Margaret Jarman, has been pastor of the West Coventry Fellowship, Coventry, since 1977. She says she'll not make an issue of being the first ordained woman in the Union's history, according to the Baptist Times, the Baptist Union's weekly publication. "I am not being made president to wave a flag for women," she was quoted as saying. However, she continued, "I expect it will help if people see a woman doing something usually done by a man." Jarman, also stated that the fact that

she is a woman "was only noticed by the media. I have been accepted for what I am — and part of that is being a woman."

Since 1978 the new British Baptist president has served on the Union Council as a representative of the West Midland Association. During this past year Jarman has been vice-president of the Union, and her election in this assembly was therefore normal procedure.

While preparing as a young woman for a career in agriculture, she received the call to full-time Christian service, just one year after her conversion and baptism. After initial training and eleven years of service as a deaconess, she became the first woman to attend Spurgeon's College and receive the bachelor of divinity degree from that institution.

## Churches adopt expanded annuity

The following churches have adopted the Expanded Annuity Plan of 1988 since those reported in the June 18 issue of the Baptist Record. Adams-Union: Washington; Hinds-Madison: Woodland Hills; Lafayette: FBC Oxford; Lamar: Bellevue; Lauderdale: Macedonia and Midway;

Lee: FBC Nettleton; Lowndes: Calvary; Marion: FBC Columbia; Marshall: FBC Potts Camp; Mississippi: Calvary Gloster; Neshoba: Bethsaida; Pearl River: Springhill; Pike: Calvary; Tippah: Lowery Memorial; Winston: Ellison Ridge; Yazoo: Eden.



# Supreme Court term strikes blow for separation of church and state

By Stan Hastey

WASHINGTON (BP) — Separation of church and state was a big winner at the U.S. Supreme Court during the just-completed 1986-87 term.

Significant victories included rulings that:

- Unanimously upheld a federal law allowing churches and other religious organizations to discriminate in favor of their own members when filling "secular" as well as religious jobs.

- Struck down, on a 7-2 vote, a law requiring the teaching of creation science in public schools whenever evolution is taught as a theory of origins.

- Ruled 8-1 that states may not deny unemployment benefits to employees fired from their jobs for refusing to work on their Sabbath.

- Unanimously invalidated an airport commission's ban on the distribution of religious literature inside an airport terminal.

- Held unanimously that Jews qualify as a racial minority under a 19th century federal law banning race discrimination.

In the lone setback for free exercise of religion in a major case, the court split 5-4 in holding that prison officials have no constitutional obligation to allow prisoners to attend worship services if the denial is "reasonable."

In other important actions taken — but without benefit of full argument and decision — the court:

- Refused to review the constitutionality of formal diplomatic ties between the United States and the Roman Catholic papacy.

- Declined to consider a challenge to an Oregon law that prohibits public schoolteachers from wearing religious dress in the classroom.

- Let stand a lower ruling that Michigan may require teachers in sectarian as well as religious schools to obtain teaching certificates.

- Twice rejected appeals by ministers — one Presbyterian, the other Methodist — to review the legality of their respective ousters because of conflict with their congregations.

- Refused to review the claim of the historic Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew in New York City that a municipal commission violated the Constitution by designating the church an official landmark subject to city jurisdiction.

- In a second dispute between a religious group and an airport authority, declined to review lower court decisions that San Francisco officials violated free exercise of religion by refusing to rent space for a Christian Science reading room.

Far and away the most important rulings came, however, in the lopsided decisions during the final week of the term on job discrimination by churches and creationism.

In its unanimous decision in the job

discrimination case, the court ruled Congress did not unconstitutionally favor churches and other religious organizations 15 years ago when it exempted them from complying with the Civil Rights Act's ban on religious bias in hiring practices. The exemption, the court held, actually strengthened separation of church and state. (See separate story.)

Church-state experts agreed. One of these, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs General Counsel Oliver S. Thomas, hailed the ruling as "a strong endorsement" of church-state separation and added: "We sometimes forget that without separation the state is free not only to advance religion but to interfere with it as well. The court wisely has recognized that it is perfectly proper for Congress to pass laws that protect religious institutions from governmental interference with or entanglement in their internal affairs."

The BJCPA was one of numerous religious bodies that filed friend-of-the-court briefs in the case, a dispute between the Mormon Church and a former building engineer fired because he did not meet certain religious standards mandated for continued employment.

In the decision on creation science, seven justices joined in striking down a 1981 Louisiana law that sought to force public school science teachers to give equal time to creationism and

evolution. In an opinion written by Justice William J. Brennan Jr., the court rejected the state's claim that the law had the secular purpose of fostering academic freedom; such a claim, Brennan wrote, was a "sham."

The law's real purpose, Brennan held, was "to change the science curriculum of public schools in order to provide persuasive advantage to a particular religious doctrine that rejects the factual basis of evolution in its entirety." Accordingly, the court's senior justice concluded, "The Act violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment because it seeks to employ the symbolic and financial support of government to achieve a religious purpose."

In another church-state test, the court ruled in February that Paula Hobbie, a Seventh-day Adventist fired by a Florida jewelry chain after she refused to work Friday evenings and Saturdays, was entitled to state unemployment compensation benefits. Florida violated Hobbie's free exercise religion, Brennan wrote for the 8-1 majority, because it failed to demonstrate a compelling state interest in refusing the benefits. Rehnquist alone dissented.

The court ruled unanimously June 15 that the Board of Airport Commissioners of Los Angeles had no constitutional authority to issue a blanket ban on First Amendment activities inside the terminal of Los Angeles In-

ternational Airport. Three years ago, airport police arrested a representative of the messianic group Jews for Jesus for handing out literature in defiance of the ban.

In yet another unanimous decision, the court held in May that Jews constitute a racial as well as religious minority and are therefore entitled to protection under an 1870 anti-discrimination law. The same holds for Arabs, the court ruled separately. In the case testing whether Jews qualified under the terms of the law, a Silver Spring, Md., synagogue had used the law to file a civil suit against several young vandals convicted in a separate criminal trial of defacing the synagogue with swastikas and other anti-Semitic graffiti.

And in the lone decision that split the court, a 5-4 majority ruled June 9 that officials at Leesburg State Prison in New Jersey did not violate the free exercise rights of two Black Muslim inmates by denying them permission to attend a weekly service on Friday afternoons as required by the Islamic faith. The two had asked to be allowed to come inside the main prison building from duty outside prison walls for the service. Prison officials argued they should be permitted to curtail religious freedom on a limited basis in the larger interest of maintaining security.

Stan Hastey writes for the Baptist Joint Committee.

## High court will hear new religious disputes

By Stan Hastey

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Supreme Court has announced it will review three new church-state separation cases plus a dispute between Jerry Falwell and Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt in the term that begins next October.

In what may turn out to be its most important ruling on religious exercises in public school classrooms in 25 years, the high court will decide whether state laws mandating observance of a moment of silence at the

outset of the school day violate the First Amendment.

Two years ago, the court struck down an Alabama law that required a one-minute period of silence specifically designated for purposes of prayer and meditation. At stake in the case next term are laws with more neutral language in New Jersey and two dozen other states.

In addition, the court will hear arguments in a pair of cases involving the religious rights of Native Americans.

In one, the justices will decide if the free exercise clause of the First Amendment protects Indians who use the drug peyote in religious ceremonies. The other case has to do with a dispute between Native Americans and the federal government over a tract of land in California some Indian tribes believe to be sacred.

The court also has agreed to decide if a lower court was right in awarding Falwell \$200,000 in damages for "emotional distress" after an advertisement in Hustler magazine parodied the well-known preacher and founder of the Moral Majority (now Liberty Federation).

Stan Hastey writes for the Baptist Joint Committee.

## Religion-based discrimination on job ruled constitutional

By Stan Hastey

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Supreme Court ruled June 24 that Congress did not violate the Constitution 15 years ago when it exempted churches from complying with a federal ban on job discrimination based on religion, even when the contested job is non-religious in nature.

In a unanimous judgment, the high court held Congress strengthened separation of church and state by enacting the 1972 exemption and did not violate the constitutional ban on an establishment of religion.

Writing for five of the nine members of the court, Justice Byron R. White quoted from another church-state decision earlier in the current term, "This Court has long recognized that the government may (and sometimes must) accommodate religious practices and that it may do so without violating the Establishment Clause." (The First Amendment to the Constitution opens with the declaration, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion," a clause the high court has interpreted to require separation of church and state.)

The high court decision overturned an earlier ruling by a federal district

court which struck down the 1972 exemption, one of numerous amendments passed that year to the historic Civil Rights Act of 1964. Under the 1964 law, religious employers could restrict employment to "individuals of a particular religion to perform work connected with . . . (their) religious activities." But in 1972, Congress deleted the single word "religious" from the exemption, thus enabling churches to discriminate on the basis of religion in hiring for any job, religious or not.

Many religious groups, including the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, had asked the court to uphold the 1972 exemption. BJC General Counsel Oliver S. Thomas praised the court's ruling.

"This decision is a strong endorsement of the concept of church-state separation," Thomas said. "We sometimes forget that without separation the state is free not only to advance religion but to interfere with it as well."

The court wisely has recognized that it is perfectly proper for Congress to pass laws that protect religious institutions from governmental interference with or entanglement in their internal affairs."

The legal challenge to the 1972 amendment came in the form of a lawsuit by several former employees of organizations owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commonly known as the Mormon Church. The workers were fired when they failed to qualify for a "temple recommend," a term that refers to a special status within the Mormon Church achieved by meeting certain religious demands, including regular church attendance, tithing, and abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, coffee, and tea. Achieving the status means a faithful Mormon is entitled to attend the church's temples, where certain secret rites are performed.

One of the fired workers, Frank Mayson, persuaded the lower court to declare the 1972 exemption unconstitutional and to award back wages, fringe benefits and pension contributions. The court also ordered Mayson reinstated in his old job as building engineer at the Deseret Gymnasium in Salt Lake City. The non-profit facility, which is open to the public, is owned and operated by the Mormon Church.

Stan Hastey writes for the Baptist Joint Committee.

### Homecomings

Satartia, Satartia: July 19; 11 a.m., 2 p.m.; Victor Johnson, former pastor, evangelist.

Ethel Church (Attala): July 19; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:50 a.m.; Dwight Brown, pastor, morning message; special music presented after covered dish luncheon from 1:15-3:00 p.m.

Mr. Olivet, Forest: July 19; 11 a.m.; worship service followed by dinner on the grounds; Travis Polk, pastor.





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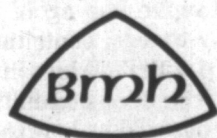
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## U.S. - overseas university link considered

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from officials at Midwestern Seminary here regarding the seminary's correlated degree program. Vernon Davis, dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs, said school officials are pleased with the pilot program after its first year.

The program, designed for graduates of Baptist college religion programs, attempts to build upon the students' academic background, rather than force them to duplicate courses or material they had in college, he said.

Davis said students are able to structure the program so they can complete the 88 hours required for a master of divinity degree in two years rather than the traditional three years.

Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director of the Education Commission and executive secretary of the association, reported on discussions held with Vasily Logvenincko, president of the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the Soviet Union.

Walker said Russian Baptists are willing to visit college campuses for dialogue with faculty and students. While noting problems such as finances would have to be dealt with by the parties involved, Walker offered the services of the Education Commission as coordinator for such a program.

During the association's business session Bob Lynn, president of Louisiana College in Pineville, was elected president for 1987-88.

Lonnie Wilkey writes for the SBC Education Commission.

## Baptist Memorial plans 75th celebration

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publisher of *Modern Healthcare*, a national health care trade publication, will address the group.

Special anniversary open houses for the 6,000 employees also are planned at each of the three hospital units on July 20. Each will receive a gift commemorating the anniversary.

An anniversary dinner for the 1,100 member medical staff at Baptist Memorial will be held on Sept. 21.

A special anniversary edition of *Baptiscope*, a bimonthly publication for employees, patients and hospital friends, chronicles the 75-year growth of the hospital and the contribution of its leaders.

William H. Preston, a Booneville, Miss. physician, is chairman of the hospital trustees and second vice chairman of the health care system.

Other prominent leaders have included A. E. Jennings, a Greenwood, Miss. layman who directed the hospital for 31 years (1915-1946) and W. T. Lowrey of Blue Mountain, Miss., trustee chairman for 31 years (1912-1943).

## Church Administration - Pastoral Ministries/Gulfshore



Stacy Andrews and Eddie Thompson of New Albany perform. Andrews is instrumentalist at Hillcrest Church there, Thompson is minister of music there. The two led music for the conference.



The man with the baby on his back and taking a piece of watermelon is Ken Cooper, pastor of West Corinth Church. On his back is Marcus Kenneth Cooper, grandson.



From left are Lynn and G. A. McCoy. He's pastor of Union Church, Picayune. With them are Shirley and Felix Montgomery. He's a career support consultant with the Sunday School Board. The two led sessions including a worship service concerning development of a personal devotional life. They suggested having a relational Bible study where the reader enters into the biblical event himself or herself, identifying with one of the characters in the story, finding out the gospel truths involved, and giving the story a name.



Silas Clements (left) pastor of Paynes Church, Tallahatchie Association, meets Billy Simmons, professor of New Testament at New Orleans Seminary, who was Bible study leader. Julius Thompson of the MBCB coordinated the conference.



These folks get into the swing of a music warmup at Gulfshore. In the middle are Gail Guthrie and Juanda Ray of First Church, Luling, La.

## Devotional

### The secret of happiness

By Jerry Dale Patterson

A pertinent question for each of us would be "What will it take to make you happy?" or "What do you really want?" The writer of Psalm 37 tells us how to get it. Consider verses three and four:

*Trust in the LORD and do good.*

*Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness.*

*Delight yourself in the LORD;*

*And He will give you the desire of your heart.*

—New American Standard Version

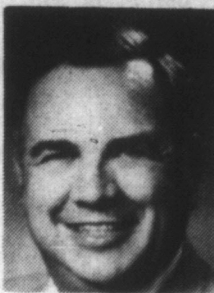
First, notice the resource, the LORD. We are not to look to romantic love. We are not to look to entertainment. We are not to look to alcohol or drugs. Many have found the truth as in the proverb, "In the end it bites like a snake and poisons like a viper." Happiness starts with an experience of forgiveness and a fellowship with God.

Next, notice the requirements. Five are listed. First we are to trust in the LORD. Trust in Christ, make a commitment to him. He can forgive your sin, make you clean. Trust his lordship to know what is best for you and to take charge of your life. The second requirement is closely related to the first, "Do good." This comes from the new nature of a person who knows Jesus. The third and fourth requirements are also related. To dwell in the land is to stay right where you are, and, while you do that, cultivate faithfulness. The psalmist is saying, "Don't run about here and there trying to find a satisfying life." You don't find it in changing external circumstances. Instead, be faithful in the circumstances you are now in.

The fifth requirement sums up the others. To delight yourself in someone is well-illustrated by the attention a young man gives to the woman with whom he is in love. He gives her his time. He spends his money on her. He tries to get her approval of his conduct. To delight yourself in the LORD is to give him all of these things.

When we meet the requirements, some things happen. When I make the LORD my delight, my desires are purified. This makes it consistent with God's will to give me the things I desire. Do you have the desires of your heart? If not, God has told us how to obtain them. Our problem is we want to obtain the blessings of God like we buy a home or a new car, get it now and pay for it later. However, we do not obtain the blessings of God in that manner. We meet his conditions, then he will give us the blessings.

Jerry Dale Patterson is pastor, Temple Church, Oxford.





Willing to sweat?

## Help wanted

Church construction could use a few good men (and women). Here are some of the opportunities available to Mississippi Baptist individuals and groups to help fledgling churches both in state and out of state to provide facilities to help grow.

These in state opportunities include projects in Blue Mountain, Batesville, Greenville, and Laurel. The out of state work includes Marlow, Okla., Sacramento, Calif., and Plymouth, Indiana.

Blue Mountain has Oak Hill Baptist Church, which needs help with outside trim and finishing inside, now through September.

Rosedale Baptist Church in Batesville needs help laying brick for a new building, from July to mid-September.

Gamari Road Baptist Church in Greenville need help relocating and constructing a new building. They request that teams come on weekends.

And in Laurel, several homes which were damaged in the spring tornado need to be rebuilt. All

types of building skills are needed. (Contact Russell Cottingham, Jones Association, 649-8114).

The out of state projects include Eastside Baptist Church in Marlow, Okla. The slab is poured, materials are available and will be placed on the grounds when a group is coming. It will be a 4,700 square foot building with steel siding. They need at least a week's notice that a group is coming. They need help now.

In Sacramento, Calif., is Emmanuel Baptist Church which is constructing a two-story education building. They need one or more teams to help finish the inside in August or September.

And Plymouth Baptist Church in Plymouth, Ind., is constructing a first unit. They need help July and after.

Anyone wanting more information — or to sign up right now — can contact the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, phone 968-3800.

## Directors of missions hear William Pinson

ST. LOUIS — The right attitude and a persistent spirit will help associational directors of missions set and keep the courses for their association.

That was the advice William Pinson of Dallas gave at the 26th annual meeting of associational directors of missions at the Airport Hilton which attracted about 250 persons.

"Setting the course for a Baptist association starts with the right attitude . . . not seeing one's place as a position, but as a mission. You don't do it for a paycheck, but you do it for the one who died on Calvary," said Pinson, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

There must also be one assumption in "course-setting; our intent is not to determine a reasonable, rational goal, but to determine God's intent. The primary objective is to know and follow God's will," Pinson said.

As to a persistent spirit, Pinson said, "Perhaps the biggest sin of all is to fail to finish the course God has set before you."

However, that course "is going to be terribly difficult because of Satan's inevitable counterattack linked with our human nature," he continued.

Pinson listed some of the inevitable obstacles as apathy, division, jealousy, selfishness, self-preservation, immorality, and fading vision.

He suggested five principles to keep things on course: keeping momentum, developing fitness and stamina to combat stress, focusing on goals, keeping communication functioning, and using resources from God.

Following Pinson, Carl Duck, president of the DOM conference and ex-

ecutive director of Nashville Baptist Association, listed "encouraging signs for the future of the association."

Among those signs are the growing number of dedicated people entering associational work, the healthier self-image of the association and their inclusion as a vital member of the denominational missions team.

In a session sponsored by the Baptist Home Mission Board, Larry Lewis, newly-elected president of the board, reminisced about his own conversion under the leadership of a childhood Sunday School teacher. He challenged the DOMs to "tell people about Jesus eyeball to eyeball. It's really quite simple."

In a closing speech, Mildred McWhorter told to her missionary work as director of three inner-city Baptist centers in Houston, Texas.

Admitting that she has been guilty of getting so involved meeting people's needs that she forgot to tell them about Jesus, McWhorter said, "You don't have to win the whole world to Christ, but you do have to tell the whole world about him."

In a business session Carl Duck was re-elected president and Mack Smoke, director of missions in Gibson County Baptist Association, Baytown, Texas, first vice president.

Dewey Mayfield, director of missions at Columbia Baptist Association, Dothan, Ala., was chosen second vice president; Robert Wainwright, director of missions, Flat River Baptist Association, Oxford, N.C., treasurer; and Paul Camp, director of missions, Macon Baptist Association, Macon, Ga., editor of the DOM newsletter, Open Circuit.

## Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams

## Writing is not easy

Writing is not easy. If it were, I would not have put off until 10 p.m. Sunday night to write this column. Like Arthur Gordon said, "When I hear people say that they just love to write, I regard them with the glum conviction that they're either amateurs or liars. Maybe both."

What's fun is reaching the end of a writing assignment, re-reading the words and reveling in the thought that it's finished.

I meant to tell you all about my trip to Williamsburg, Va., and the convention in which a Mississippian, Mary Lou Webb of Meadville, was elected president of the National Federation of Press Women. I meant to throw in a few facts about my three days' vacation on North Carolina's Outer Banks. But it's getting late. I'll just tell you about the beginning and the ending, and about my favorite speaker at the convention.

The day I left, I saw Dr. John McCall of the MC faculty, and Mrs. McCall at the Jackson airport. They were saying goodbye to his son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Margaret McCall, and their baby. The young McCalls were leaving for French language study in France. From hence they will go to Zaire as missionaries and also have to learn Swahili. On the way to Atlanta, they

sat two rows ahead of me on the plane.

It was a surprise to me — and to them — when I found myself sharing a triple seat with Charles and Indy Whitten. I knew they were going to Costa Rica to see their daughter, Margaret, and her family, and they knew I was going to Williamsburg. But neither of us knew we were going that day or that we would be on the same plane, let alone share the same row of seats!

A week later, I rode a bus from Kill Devil Hills, N.C., to Norfolk, Va. My plane from there was to land in Atlanta at 5:30 p.m. At something like 5:15, the pilot announced a thunderstorm over Atlanta. We began to circle and kept it up for maybe nearly two hours. Then we landed, and I thought I'd get off. But no, we were not in Atlanta. We were in Columbia, S.C., for refueling. We stayed in the plane on the ground, air-conditioner off, almost an hour. Back in the air and a few circles later, we landed in Atlanta at 9 p.m. W. D. and Luann and Bubba and little six-month old Holly had waited from 5 until 9, Holly quite patiently in view of the fact they had brought her no food, except one bottle she quickly disposed of. But we did land safely, in spite of the storm. They and all my family picknicked at Callaway Gardens on July 3.

Sarah Peugh and I roomed together at the Williamsburg Lodge. She went with me to hear Marjorie Holmes lead a workshop on inspirational writing. Marjorie Holmes is the one who wrote *I've Got to Talk to Somebody*, *God and the novel trilogy*, *Two from Galilee*, *Three from Galilee*, and *The Messiah*. I'd seen a picture of her face and knew she was an attractive blond, but had not realized that she is so short and dainty. The warmth of her personality came through in her speaking as it does in her writing. She was wearing a peach two-piece suit and a grey and peach figured silk blouse, with gold beads.

She began by saying that the writer should (1) write two hours a day (2) subscribe to *The Writer* and (3) send your stuff out.

But what I liked was when she said, "If you have a good idea, don't give up. Don't let someone dissuade you from writing it by saying it won't sell."

And she said when she is in the middle of a project, and it seems like she will never be able to finish, she sometimes gets so discouraged that she sits down and cries. Then her husband says, "Oh, come on, honey, you can do it. God will help you."

"And he will!" she said, "And he does!"



## Summer missionaries in Mississippi

These are the student summer missionaries working in Mississippi. Their jobs range from leading Vacation Bible Schools to seamen's center work. In the listing of these college students is included name, home town, college, field of service, and supervisor. From left they are:

Kim Mathis, N. Wilkesboro, N.C., Presbyterian College, Parchman Prison and Pike County, Charles Jones and Glen Williams; Joanna Westbrook, Summit, Southwest Miss. J.C., Gulf Coast, Jim Dalrymple; Roxanne McDaniel, Fernwood, Southwest Miss., J. C., Pike County, Glen Williams, Tom

Redd, Sarah, Northwest Miss. J. C., Hernando, Aaron Lewis; Leslie Miller, Pascagoula, Carey, Pascagoula, Bob Storie; Tim Redd, Sarah, Northwest Miss., J. C., Hernando, Aaron Lewis; Jennifer Peterson, San Antonio, San Antonio College, Pascagoula, Bob Storie; Tara Fregin, Leesburg, Va., Carson-Newman College, Gulf Coast, Jim Dalrymple; Chris Forbes, Edmond, Okla., University of Oklahoma, Pascagoula, Bob Storie; Chris Sturgis, Morrison, Okla., Oklahoma State University, Clarksdale, M.C. Johnson; and Karen Hester, Lyon, Miss. State, Clarksdale, M. C. Johnson.



Thursday, July 16, 1987

## Memorial asks for major renovations

MEMPHIS — Baptist Memorial Hospital plans to seek state approval for a major renovation and bed replacement project for Baptist Memorial Hospital Medical Center and Baptist Memorial Hospital East, BMH President Joseph H. Powell announced.

The plan calls for the transfer of beds from the Medical Center to East and a reduction in the licensing bed capacity of Baptist Memorial Hospital, which includes Baptist Memorial Hospital Medical Center, Baptist Memorial Hospital East, and the Regional Rehabilitation Center.

Under the proposal, 270 beds in the Medical Center would be closed and 187 beds would be added at BMH East. Baptist Memorial Hospital's total licensed bed capacity would be reduced 83 beds, from 2,053 to 1,970.

The bed transfer will serve a two-fold purpose, according to Powell. First, it will allow BMH to upgrade patient services at the Medical Center by moving some ancillary patient services out of the oldest building of the hospital — Madison West, which was built in 1912 — and open needed space for education and research activities. Second, it will meet increased demand for beds at BMH East.

The proposed project, which must be approved by the Tennessee Health Facilities Commission, would add 12,717 square feet of ancillary space and renovate 16,054 square feet at BMH East, in addition to the new beds. At the Medical Center, 52,000 square feet of space would be renovated.

Projected costs of the transfer and renovation project are \$13,506,934 for the BMH East expansion and \$2,987,000 for the Medical Center renovation.

## Black Baptist student leaders take training

A summer training opportunity for advisors and volunteer directors of National Baptist Student Unions on historically black colleges was held in the Baptist Building, May 29-30.

Eight campuses were represented to hear John H. Corbitt, the national director of National Baptist student ministries, share ideas from a manual from National Student Ministries entitled "Organizing and Maintaining a Baptist Student Union."

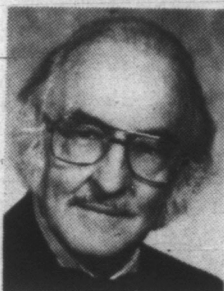
Corbitt discussed the use of a market analysis instrument which can be developed to enlist students. He urged active Baptist Student Unions to adopt another campus and help organize new student unions.

A fall retreat is planned for Oct. 23-24 at Camp Garaywa. Mrs. Jessie Dawson serves as interim director of National Baptist Student work for Mississippi. The training event was jointly sponsored by the Department of Student Work, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Mississippi Bi-Racial Commission.

# St. Amant having colorful career

By J. Clark Hensley

C. Penrose St. Amant, featured speaker at the Senior Adult IV retreat is an active Senior Adult who retired



St. Amant

ten years ago as president of the European Baptist Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

St. Amant, pronounced "Santa-Maw", a senior professor of church history, Southern Seminary, has in part a hardy background from his mother's Cajun ancestry. His father practiced dentistry in Gonzales, LA for a number of years before becoming president of a bank he helped start with a few men who in the early 20s pooled their assets and borrowed \$20,000 to establish the bank. He served as president from 1933-1970.

Penrose St. Amant continues the family interest now as the senior bank director. His teaching career began at Hannibal-LaGrange College in Missouri and from there his educational and administrative activities were recognized at New Orleans Seminary and Southern Seminary where he served as professor and academic dean before becoming president of the seminary in

The Aug. 18-22 Senior Adult Conference which features Penrose St. Amant, has a number of openings for registrants. To participate, contact Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571, phone 452-7261.

Switzerland.

He is widely known as a Bible expositor and scholar who brings the Bible truths alive in simple language. Since his retirement he has served on many state conference programs including a Mississippi Baptist Evangelism Conference and in a number of interim pastor situations.

In Christian colleges and theological education centers he is frequently invited as a conference lecturer, baccalaureate speaker, or to help install a college president. Since his return to the states he has been guest professor three times at Louisville, two at Golden Gate, one at Southwestern and 1986-87, at Louisiana College.

In company with Dr. and Mrs. Guntner Wagner, professor of New Testament at Ruschlikon, he and his wife Jessie, toured the Balkans in 1980 visiting churches in Romania and Hungary conducting a pastors' conference at the Black Sea attended by pastors from all over that section. The

St. Amants and Wagners repeated their visit to churches in Romania in 1981 and participated in Summer Institute of Theological Education for Baptist Pastors of Eastern and Western Europe.

During two summers since their retirement the St. Amants have toured Yugoslavia and Greece.

The St. Amants always travel with their beloved dog, "Swiss Boy" who has had all the necessary tests and shots to give him first class status on the airlines. They were disappointed however to find it necessary, because of quarantine restrictions on pets, to have to leave him with friends in Switzerland while they toured Britain especially desiring to see the rebuilt Coventry Cathedral which stands as a symbol of the staying power of the British people during World War II.

The St. Amants have their permanent home at Diamond Head near Bay St. Louis, where they have resided for many years always returning between teaching assignments, on vacation periods, and every opportunity. They are a prime example of a couple who are making their retirement years their best years.

J. Clark Hensley is family ministry, singles, and senior adult consultant in the Mississippi Baptist Church Training Department.

## Mississippi woman to lead WMU Glorieta conference

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Brenda Lee of Louisville will participate in the missions vespers at the Woman's Missionary Union Conference July 25-31 at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, N.M.

"A Century to Celebrate" will be the emphasis for this year's meeting. Features of the WMU week will include WMU conferences, special interest conferences, missionary testimonies, and missions cinemas and vespers.

This year's meeting will feature conferences designed to acquaint WMU with missions issues of today and the plans WMU has for the future.

Other conferences relating to WMU's history will be led by Catherine Allen, associate executive director for National WMU and author of "A Century to Celebrate," a newly released history of WMU.

Also, former WMU leader Alma Hunt will recount experiences from her 26 years of service and will discuss her new book, "Reflections from Alma Hunt," which has just been released.

**Belfast, Ireland** — The principal of The Theological College at Sandown Road, Belfast, Ivor Oakley, reported that the College had the highest number of students in its history. There are 40 students preparing for ministry at home and abroad, and some are taking degree courses at the College which is linked with Queen's University.

## MasterLife/MasterBuilder

NEW ORLEANS — A conference for MasterLife and MasterBuilder programs will be held at New Orleans Seminary, July 27-31.

The MasterLife conference is designed to provide the pastor with a means of extending and multiplying his ministry; provide a strong leadership base for the church by motivating and training faithful church members; help Christians experience consistent spiritual vitality in their lives; and equip church leaders with basic disciplines and skills of Chris-

tian discipleship necessary for leadership.

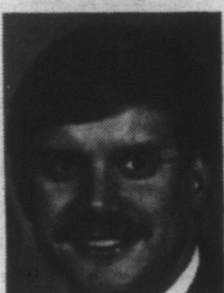
The MasterBuilder conference is intended to provide further training for the individual who has already completed MasterLife.

Cost for the workshop is \$82.50 for MasterLife (\$72.50 for accompanying spouse), and \$50 for MasterBuilder.

For more information, contact the Office of Continuing Education, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, La., 70126.

## Staff Changes

Joe Lusby, a native of Tupelo, has accepted the call to be pastor of Braxton Church, Braxton. He is a graduate



Lusby

of University of Mississippi and Southwestern Seminary.

He is married and his wife, Patty, is a native of Oxford and also a graduate of University of Mississippi.

Lusby was installed as pastor in a special service, July 5.

Fuller B. Saunders has been serving as interim pastor.

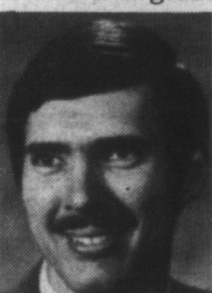
Randy Riley is the new minister of education at First, Gulfport.

It was inadvertently stated earlier that he was on the staff at First, Crystal Springs.



Riley

Northminster Church has called Robert L. Dibble as associate minister. Dibble is a graduate of Chaminade



Dibble

College of Honolulu, Hawaii and New Orleans Seminary with a master of divinity and a doctorate in religious education. He formerly served as associate minister at First

Church, Luling. He and his wife, Clarice, have four children, Denise Lynn, Matthew Bryce, Elizabeth Florence, and Mary Ruth.

V. H. "Jack" Cross has recently resigned New Bethel Church, Neshoba County. He is available for supply and interim. He can be reached at 934 Pinehill Circle, Carthage, MS 39051 or call (601) 267-9706.

Cross has served in rural churches for 40 years. Among the counties, he has served in Attala, Leake, and Montgomery.

## Gulfshore Summer Conferences — 1987

There is still space available in the conferences listed below and time to register for any one of them.

July 27-29, I Sunday School Leadership; August 3-5, III Sunday School Leadership; August 6-8, IX Sunday School Leadership; August 13-17, IX Youth; August 18-22, IV Senior Adult.

For reservations contact: Frank Simmons, manager, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, MS 39571; Telephone: (601) 452-7261.

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# Just for the Record

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First, Lucedale, recently held Vacation Bible School for children, adults, and youth. There were 387 enrolled and 250 (pictured) for the first day. Mrs. Delores Walker was the direc-

tor. There were 28 professions of faith and five rededications. John L. Walker is pastor.



Acteens of Cason Church, Monroe Association, held a recognition service, Dec. 14. The theme was "We're out to Change our World."

Pictured, are Tenda Berryhill and April Wallace, Queens; Chanda Lockhart, Michelle Stanford, and Wendy Grissom, Queen with Scepter; April Riley, Queen Regent in Service; and Lachrisa Todd.

April Riley recently represented Monroe County and her church in the Youth Speakers Tournament.

The state Baptist high school boys' slowpitch softball tournament will take place July 17-18 at Woodville Heights Baptist Church on Cooper Road in Jackson. Tournery director is Charles Nikolic.

North Calvary Church, Philadelphia, held its note burning service, April 26. This marks the paying off of the auditorium built in 1970. Participating in the service were the trustees serving at the time of construction and the present trustees and deacons and pastor, John A. Nixon.

Murphy Creek Church, Louisville, will present "The Spokesmen," in concert, Saturday, July 25, 7:30 p.m.

Offering will be taken for youth trip to Ridgecrest Centrifuge.

## Leake Church has 65 percent increase in SS attendance

Freney Church, four miles from Carthage, has had a 65 percent increase in Sunday School since Feb. 22, using the Sunday School Growth Spiral.

In February, the pastor, Lee Hudson, and his wife, Olivia, went to First Church, Hattiesburg, to learn about the Growth Spiral and upon returning to Freney the church voted to use the program. The following Sunday, Feb. 22, the Sunday School attendance was 74, and the attendance has been on the increase continually.

By April the average attendance

had reached 100. On May 31, the attendance in Sunday School was 113. This was the highest attendance in the history of the church. On June 28, the attendance in Sunday School reached 122, a nearly 65 percent increase.

Until the Growth Spiral program was put into effect, three had been no baptisms during the current church year. Since then there have been 15 to come for baptism. Also the offerings have increased in proportion to the attendance. The pastor said he believes this is one of the most effective programs that he has used because it involves the people. Lee Hudson has been pastor since the last Sunday in November of 1986.

## Providence Church, Kosciusko, plans for centennial in 1990

Providence Church, Attala Association, will outline plans for the 1990 centennial activities during its annual homecoming July 26. The service on July 26 will begin at 10:45 a.m. All former members and pastors are asked to send any information on the history of the church to the pastor or church clerk. They are: Rev. Walter Hines, 1038 Avalon Circle, Kosciusko, MS 39090 or Mrs. Dorothy Steed, Route 4, Box 318, Kosciusko, MS 39090. All information is needed to compile a history of the church in booklet form.

A centennial planning committee has been formed and is already working toward the 100th anniversary of Providence Church.

At the July 26 homecoming a brief report of recent accomplishments will be given. Also plans for building improvements and additions will be given.

Paul Williamson, Attala Association director of missions, will be guest preacher. Walter Hines, pastor, will direct the music, and Mrs. Judy Sims, Williamsville Church, will be pianist.

Noon lunch will follow, picnic style, with singing to follow in the afternoon.

"So what if your husband does snore?" said the doctor. "Lots of husbands snore."

"Yes," sighed the baggy-eyed wife, "but George is a ventriloquist and he snores on both sides of me at once."

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Shiloh (Montgomery): July 19-22; services, Sunday, 11 a.m., nightly, 7:30; Richard Morman, evangelist; Frank Roberson, pastor.

Bassfield, Bassfield: July 19-24; Valton Douglas, pastor, Bethlehem, Laurel, messages; Jerry Wayne Bernard, full-time evangelist, Houston, Tex., music; Sunday morning service followed by dinner on the grounds; after lunch, an afternoon service; Mon.-Fri. services, 7:30 p.m.; David Dewease, pastor.

Shady Grove (Copiah): July 19-22; Gary Bowlin, evangelist; Johnny Johns, music director; Danny Watkins, pastor.

Arlington (Lincoln): July 19-24; Sunday, regular services, dinner on the grounds, afternoon service, 1:15 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. 7 p.m. Clarence E. Young, evangelist; Tim King, music evangelist; Kent Campbell, pastor.

Macedonia (Lincoln): July 19-24; regular Sunday services; Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Randy Isbell, evangelist; Gary "Slim" Cornett, music evangelist; Lowell Johnson, pastor.

Providence, Jayess: July 19-24; services, 10:45 Sunday with dinner served at noon hour, afternoon services will follow lunch; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Dennis Dunn, evangelist; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Magee, Brookhaven, music; Ronnie Burch, interim pastor.

Camp Ground (Yalobusha): July 19-22; Gerald Shook, Anchor, guest speaker; services, nightly 7:30 p.m.; Eugene Barnett, pastor.

Oak Grove (Jeff Davis): July 19-24; Sunday, 11 a.m.; lunch, fellowship hall, noon, evening service, 1:30 p.m.; weekly services, 7 p.m.; Ken Stringer, director of missions, Jeff Davis, evangelist; Normon Crochet, pastor, music; Tommy Creel, organ; Polly Polk, pianist.

Spring Hill (Copiah): July 19-22; Sunday, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; lunch in fellowship hall at noon; Mon.-Wed., services, 7 p.m. Jim Hurt, pastor, preaching; Ron Jackson, Jackson, music.

Lone Pine, Canton: July 26-30; homecoming, July 26, A. L. Hatten, former pastor, morning message, 11; Jim Shanahan, also former pastor, night messages, 7:30, Mon.-Thur.; covered dish dinner served in fellowship hall, July 26; Robert L. Jones, pastor.

Four Mile Creek, (Jackson): July 19-22; services, 10 a.m., 7 p.m.; Gray Allison, president, Mid-America Seminary, Memphis, evangelist; Ken Goff, pastor.

Satartia, Satartia: July 15-18; 7:30 p.m., Phillip Duncan, evangelist.

Pleasant Home, Laurel: July 19-24; Alan Woodward, pastor, First, Ellisville, evangelist; Lynn Evans, minister of music and youth, Pleasant Home, music; Sunday School, 9:45, morning worship, 11; dinner on the ground, follows the morning service with afternoon service, 1:30; morning services, each day at 10 and nightly at 7:30. Jimmy McFatter, pastor.

New Prospect, Iuka: July 19-24; Hugh Martin, Spring Creek, Philadelphia, guest speaker; W. C. Rainey, Hattiesburg, music; Michael Duff, pastor.

Fayette (Union): July 19-22; evangelist, Leon Emery, Jackson; music leader, Franklin Haire, Union Church; Sunday at 11 and 6; weekdays at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; pastor Paul Pearson.

Malmaison (Carroll): July 19-24; 7:30 p.m.; Danny Bryant, pastor, Scotland Church, Winona, guest speaker; Jerry W. Smith, pastor.

High Hill, Philadelphia: July 19-24; John Barnes, preaching; Alwyn Moore, music; Paul H. Leber Sr., pastor.

Steele, (Scott): July 26-31; C. C. Burns, evangelist; services, 7 p.m.; Tom Fox, pastor.

Murphy Creek, Louisville: July 26-31; Sunday, 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; weekday services, 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.; Garland Eaves, pastor, Moselle, Moselle, guest speaker; Pat Autry, First Church, Louisville.

Springdale, West: July 26-30; 7:30 p.m.; Don Wilton, full time evangelist with the Leonard Sanderson Evangelistic Association, guest speaker; Craig Bane, Springdale, music; Dale Little, pastor.

Pine Grove, Dumas: July 26-31; Lowell Johnson, pastor, Macedonia, Brookhaven, evangelist; Frank Cooley, First, Ripley, music; services, Sunday, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; weeknights, 7:30; Terry Lee-Ledbetter, pastor.

Corinth, Magee, Highway 28 West: July 26-31; Sunday services, Sunday School, 10 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., dinner on the grounds, Bible Tones Quartet singing after dinner; weekday services, 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.; Charles Wesley, Cleveland, evangelist; Rell Webber, Jackson, music evangelist.

Ecru (Pontotoc): Aug. 2-7; services, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Manuel Weeks, evangelist; John McDaniel, music.

Mt. Olivett, Forest: July 20-22; 7:30 p.m.; Travis Polk, pastor, conducting services; Mr. and Mrs. Verner Ray Gatewood, music.

Puckett, Puckett: Alvin C. Doyle, pastor; July 19-24; 7:30 nightly; Raymon Leake, First, Picayune, evangelist; Gil Powell, Pearson, Pearl, music.



# Mission Gifts of Mississippi Baptist Churches Thru Convention Board

Jan. 1, 1987-June 30, 1987

Assn. Miss. Designated, WMU & All			Assn. Miss. Designated, WMU & All			Assn. Miss. Designated, WMU & All			Assn. Miss. Designated, WMU & All				
Co-op	Other	Total	Co-op	Other	Total	Co-op	Other	Total	Co-op	Other	Total		
FBC NETTLETON	2,142.54	2,142.54	2,142.54	2,142.54	2,142.54	WEST POPLARVILLE	699.34	389.52	1,088.86	BRAXTON	1,474.05	1,748.40	3,222.45
FBC SATTLEDGE	1,004.03	1,004.03	1,004.03	1,004.03	1,004.03	WEST UNION	2,081.49	6,798.96	8,880.45	CALVARY BRAXTON	1,624.66	2,851.11	4,475.77
FBC SHANNON	3,319.43	3,319.43	3,319.43	3,319.43	3,319.43	WHITE SAND	1,107.70	973.49	2,081.19	CORINTH	1,867.25	2,689.84	4,557.09
FBC TUPLOO	47,202.00	47,202.00	47,202.00	47,202.00	47,202.00	PERRY	1,200.00	750.00	1,950.00	DART CREEK	1,702.18	1,604.51	3,306.69
GRACE MEMORIAL	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	ARLINGTON	50.00	77.80	127.80	EASTSIDE	2,294.29	812.45	3,106.74
HARRISBURG	681,136.53	681,136.53	681,136.53	681,136.53	681,136.53	BREWER	1,589.83	1,678.07	3,267.90	FBC NAGEE	32,084.13	24,004.65	56,088.78
LIFESTONE	773.00	773.00	773.00	773.00	773.00	CALVARY	116.10	112.40	228.50	FBC NEDENHALL	18,529.59	8,109.13	26,638.72
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PALMETTO	342.75	342.75	342.75	342.75	342.75	GOOD HOPE	2,544.81	2,544.81	5,089.62	HOLLY GROVE	1,360.00	940.75	2,300.75
PARKWAY	10,289.24	9,082.00	19,371.24	9,082.00	28,453.24	INDIAN SPRINGS	1,831.80	304.92	2,136.72	JUPITER	622.00	462.00	1,084.00
PLANTERSVILLE	9,544.21	4,463.00	13,007.21	4,463.00	17,470.21	MEMORIAL	315.00	50.00	365.00	LEWIS SPRINGS	493.79	1,182.96	1,676.75
PRICEVILLE	2,044.87	2,044.87	2,044.87	2,044.87	2,044.87	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	MAGEE PLEASANT HILL	571.81	1,067.61	1,639.42
RICHMOND	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	MAIN STREET	1,218.81	1,067.61	2,286.42
SHERMAN	3,863.14	3,863.14	3,863.14	3,863.14	3,863.14	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
SKYLINE TUPLOO	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
SOUTHERN HEIGHTS	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
TEMPLE GROVE	177.00	177.00	177.00	177.00	177.00	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
UNION CHAPEL	26,590.40	8,194.51	34,784.91	8,194.51	42,979.42	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
W JACKSON STREET	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
WILLOW	368,210.60	213,995.15	582,205.75	213,995.15	796,200.90	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
LEFLORE	7,016.03	4,335.88	11,351.92	4,335.88	15,687.80	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
CHRIST	11,950.00	19,311.98	31,261.98	19,311.98	50,573.96	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
FBC GREENWOOD	7,733.35	4,881.35	12,614.70	4,881.35	17,496.05	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
FBC LITTA BENA	48.00	350.00	398.00	350.00	398.00	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
FBC MINTER CITY	6,151.74	1,696.00	7,847.74	1,696.00	9,543.74	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
MANHATTAN	1,463.76	1,633.95	3,097.71	1,633.95	4,731.66	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
MORGAN CITY	14,877.00	260.00	15,137.00	260.00	15,397.00	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
MT VERNON	4,151.08	21,485.50	25,636.58	21,485.50	30,122.08	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
PHILLIPSTON	185.50	1,720.00	1,905.50	1,720.00	1,905.50	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
SCHEFFER	402.00	1,170.00	1,572.00	1,170.00	1,572.00	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
SIDON	73,155.45	42,776.22	115,931.67	42,776.22	158,707.89	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
ARLINGTON	2,049.98	1,585.49	3,635.47	1,585.49	5,220.96	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
BETHEL	1,335.11	1,262.79	2,597.90	1,262.79	3,860.69	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
FBC PRINCES	401.22	530.43	931.65	530.43	1,462.08	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
BOQUE CHITTO	2,779.15	2,779.15	5,558.30	2,779.15	8,337.45	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
BROOKWAY	572.85	365.00	937.85	365.00	1,302.85	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
CALVARY	2,779.15	2,779.15	5,558.30	2,779.15	8,337.45	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
CENTRAL	3,382.65	4,954.45	8,337.10	4,954.45	13,291.55	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
CHURCH BRANCH	2,280.00	1,473.00	3,753.00	1,473.00	5,226.00	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
EAST HAVEN	11,342.00	8,333.95	19,675.95	8,333.95	28,009.90	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
EAST LINCOLN	594.94	1,620.61	2,215.55	1,620.61	3,836.16	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
FELLSHIP	3,317.00	2,779.15	6,096.15	2,779.15	8,875.30	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
FBC BROOKWAY	4,475.68	4,298.69	8,774.37	4,298.69	13,073.06	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
FELLSHIP	4,475.68	4,298.69	8,774.37	4,298.69	13,073.06	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
GUM GROVE	4,475.68	4,298.69	8,774.37	4,298.69	13,073.06	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
HARBOR HTS	1,387.76	2,233.47	3,621.23	2,233.47	5,254.70	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
HARBOR HTS	1,387.76	2,233.47	3,621.23	2,233.47	5,254.70	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
HEUCKS RETREAT	3,100.00	5,279.95	8,379.95	5,279.95	13,659.90	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
HOLLY SPRING	1,110.00	1,312.00	2,422.00	1,312.00	3,734.00	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
LITTLE BAHAMA	8,800.47	4,227.07	13,027.54	4,227.07	17,254.61	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
MADISONIA	1,072.19	681.95	1,754.14	681.95	2,436.09	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
MOORE CREEK	8,012.90	1,424.00	9,436.90	1,424.00	10,860.90	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
MT NORTH	2,091.34	1,344.79	3,436.13	1,344.79	4,780.92	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
MT PLEASANT	2,091.34	1,344.79	3,436.13	1,344.79	4,780.92	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
MT ZION	1,463.00	2,436.35	3,899.35	2,436.35	5,335.70	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
NEW PROSPECT	1,463.00	2,436.35	3,899.35	2,436.35	5,335.70	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
NEW SIGHT	1,463.00	2,436.35	3,899.35	2,436.35	5,335.70	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
PEARL HAVEN	1,463.00	2,436.35	3,899.35	2,436.35	5,335.70	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
PHILADELPHIA	1,463.00	2,436.35	3,899.35	2,436.35	5,335.70	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
PLEASANT GROVE	1,463.00	2,436.35	3,899.35	2,436.35	5,335.70	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
PLEASANT HILL	1,463.00	2,436.35	3,899.35	2,436.35	5,335.70	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
RUTH	1,463.00	2,436.35	3,899.35	2,436.35	5,335.70	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
SHADY GROVE	1,463.00	2,436.35	3,899.35	2,436.35	5,335.70	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
SOUTHWAY	1,463.00	2,436.35	3,899.35	2,436.35	5,335.70	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
TOPAZ	1,463.00	2,436.35	3,899.35	2,436.35	5,335.70	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
UNION HALL	1,463.00	2,436.35	3,899.35	2,436.35	5,335.70	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	100.00	1,100.00	NEW ZION	1,644.48	1,067.61	2,712.09
WELLMAN	1,463.00	2,436.35	3,899.35	2,436.35	5,335.70	NEW BETHEL	1,000.00	1					



# Mission Gifts of Mississippi Baptist Churches Through Convention Board

Jan. 1, 1987-June 30, 1987

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Co-op	Other	Total		Co-op	Other	Total		Co-op	Other	Total		Co-op	Other	Total	
ADAMS	957.98	554.55	1,511.63	HEBRON RIDGE	754.37	1,234.37	1,988.74	EMMANUEL	896.47	1,501.71	2,398.18	SHELTON	1,599.96	511.27	2,111.23
BETHLEHEM	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64	HEPZIBAH	510.00	2,000.00	2,510.00	SUNRISE AND	679.84	85.64	765.48	FALLAHOM	44.75	9,110.88	9,155.63
BRIEL AVE	1,024.36	4,147.93	5,171.29	KNIGHT VALLEY	110.83	561.83	672.66	FARMHAYEN	600.00	835.00	1,435.00	UNIT	50.00	2,077.77	2,127.77
CLIFF TEMPLE	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64	NORTH HUR	1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	REAR HUR	2,458.13	3,370.87	5,829.00	TUCKER CROSSING	3,173.18	3,747.10	6,920.28
CLOVERDALE	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64	NT ZION	1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC CLINTON	31,048.87	14,083.40	45,132.27	UNITY	2,123.00	2,740.00	4,863.00
CRAWFORD	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64	PACIFIC CHAPEL	1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACKSON	299,415.64	138,790.00	438,205.64	W. ELIZAVILLE	10,751.63	20,340.00	31,091.63
FBC NATCHEZ	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64	DAR GROVE	1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC MADISON	41,052.71	23,955.04	65,007.75	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
IRMAH	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64	PARADISE	1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
NORANTOWN	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64	PHALIT	1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
NEW HOPE	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64	PINE GROVE	1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
PARKWAY	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64	PINE HILL	1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
SOUTHERN HILLS	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64	PLEASANT HILL	1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
SPRINGFIELD	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64	ROBINSON CREEK	1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
STANTON	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64	SHRUBHILL	1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
WASHINGTON	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64	SOUVENIR	1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64	UNION	1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64	W. PLEASANT GROVE	1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
	1,151.07	380.57	1,531.64		1,070.15	2,360.87	3,431.02	FBC JACOBSON	1,104.95	139,790.00	140,894.95	W. LAUREL	10,615.25	2,929.78	13,545.03
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# Mission Gifts Of Mississippi Baptist Churches Thru Convention Board

Jan. 1, 1987-June 30, 1987

Assn. Miss. Designated, WMU & All				Assn. Miss. Designated, WMU & All				Assn. Miss. Designated, WMU & All				Assn. Miss. Designated, WMU & All			
Co-op	Other	Total		Co-op	Other	Total		Co-op	Other	Total		Co-op	Other	Total	
SALEN	3,768.27	3,797.36	7,565.63	CLEAR CREEK	873.40	2,305.28	3,178.68	WINSTON	169.64	137.32	306.96	WEBSTER	0.00	31.00	31.00
TYLERTOWN	14,259.10	17,459.10	32,718.20	COUNTY LINE	1,217.80	861.39	2,079.19	WINSTON ASSN	101,077.44	98,795.74	199,873.18	ALVA	105.00	330.00	435.00
UNION	3,039.53	2,733.76	5,773.29	COYT	868.12	201.70	1,069.82					BLUFF SPRINGS	377.34	238.67	616.01
	51,107.79	48,059.70	99,167.49	ERET	415.80	945.72	1,361.52					CALVARY	363.40	2,060.57	2,423.97
WARREN	5,212.99	715.21	5,928.20	EUKUTTA	1,477.14	101.02	1,578.16	YALOBUSHA	4,876.00	3,812.52	8,688.52	CROSS PLODS	1,520.48	1,016.41	2,536.89
BOVINA	36,303.11	17,599.11	53,902.22	FAITH CHAPEL	1,155.90	1,000.00	2,155.90	BETHEL	1,861.36	2,009.27	3,870.63	CUMBERLAND	1,768.10	1,098.02	2,866.12
BOWMAN AVENUE	14,152.21	3,592.11	17,744.32	FBC BUCKATUNNA	3,187.61	2,411.54	5,599.15	CALVARY	4,256.01	3,101.84	7,357.85	EDGEWORTH	2,777.14	4,957.53	7,734.67
CALVARY	77,072.29	42,545.14	119,617.43	FBC CHICORA	861.66	1,027.54	1,889.20	CAMP GROUND	0.00	100.00	100.00	EL SUPRA	2,777.14	4,957.53	7,734.67
FBC VICKSBURG	9,819.29	1,000.00	10,819.29	FBC CLAMA	4,140.13	3,428.20	7,568.33	DIVIDING RIDGE	367.73	8.35	376.08	FBC NATHANSON	4,876.00	3,812.52	8,688.52
COBBIN MEMORIAL	1,250.62	3,504.15	4,754.77	FBC STATE LINE	2,511.16	2,009.68	4,520.84	ELAN	20,237.88	8,464.11	28,701.99	FELLOWSHIP	1,520.48	1,016.41	2,536.89
GRACE	9,819.29	1,000.00	10,819.29	FBC WAYNESBORO	2,511.16	2,009.68	4,520.84	FBC COFFEYVILLE	14,152.21	3,592.11	17,744.32	HERBOS	687.31	3,755.75	4,443.06
HIGHLAND	1,250.62	3,504.15	4,754.77	HIWANNEE	150.00	137.20	287.20	FBC WATER VALLEY	14,152.21	3,592.11	17,744.32	HOMERLIN	55.00	20.00	75.00
MANUEL	2,717.00	793.98	3,510.98	MT ZION	1,111.22	3,110.87	4,222.09	FRIENDSHIP	167.30	115.00	282.30	HOMERLIN GROVE	1,580.35	828.85	2,409.20
NORTHIDE	1,250.62	3,504.15	4,754.77	MT ZION	1,111.22	3,110.87	4,222.09	HAYES HILL	35.00	175.00	210.00	MANTEE	4,075.02	19,687.03	23,762.05
RIDGEWAY	1,250.62	3,504.15	4,754.77	MT ZION	1,111.22	3,110.87	4,222.09	HOPKINS	35.00	175.00	210.00	MONTEVISTA	100.00	50.00	150.00
SOUTHIDE	1,250.62	3,504.15	4,754.77	MT ZION	1,111.22	3,110.87	4,222.09	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87	MT VERNON	246.81	246.81	493.62
TRINITY	1,250.62	3,504.15	4,754.77	MT ZION	1,111.22	3,110.87	4,222.09	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87	MT ZION	100.00	6,461.00	6,561.00
WAYIDE	1,250.62	3,504.15	4,754.77	MT ZION	1,111.22	3,110.87	4,222.09	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87	PHILADELPHIA	4,212.92	2,888.00	7,100.92
WOODLAWN	1,250.62	3,504.15	4,754.77	MT ZION	1,111.22	3,110.87	4,222.09	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87	PILGRIMS REST	1,534.00	1,700.00	3,234.00
	199,449.00	88,964.56	288,413.56	MT ZION	1,111.22	3,110.87	4,222.09	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87	REEDS CHAPEL	10.00	10.00	20.00
WASHINGTON	1,944.74	1,217.80	3,162.54	WINSTON	1,125.00	285.00	1,410.00	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87	SAPA	200.00	150.00	350.00
ALEXANDER MEMORIAL	742.47	1,217.80	1,960.27	ANTIOCH	1,125.00	285.00	1,410.00	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87	UNION	119.18	2,885.36	3,004.54
ARGOL	41.40	1,217.80	1,259.20	BETHEL	1,125.00	285.00	1,410.00	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87	WALTHALL	240.00	762.00	1,002.00
CALVARY	10,302.58	7,348.16	17,650.74	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87	WEST SHADY GROVE	46,578.00	57,971.87	104,549.87
CHINESE MSN	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				
DARLOVE	700.95	745.74	1,446.69	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				
ERMANUEL	9,000.95	745.74	9,746.69	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				
FBC GREENVILLE	46,500.00	61,452.49	107,952.49	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				
FBC LAND	1,542.02	1,760.16	3,302.18	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				
GREENFIELD	10,750.63	6,053.92	16,804.55	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				
HOLLAND	1,003.46	1,450.83	2,454.29	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				
LAKE WASHINGTON	1,211.20	732.61	1,943.81	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				
LAKESIDE	1,211.20	732.61	1,943.81	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				
NORTHIDE	1,211.20	732.61	1,943.81	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				
PARKVIEW GREENVILLE	1,211.20	732.61	1,943.81	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				
PARKVIEW LELAND	1,211.20	732.61	1,943.81	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				
RIVERPORT	1,211.20	732.61	1,943.81	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				
SECOND GREENVILLE	1,211.20	732.61	1,943.81	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				
SOUTHIDE	1,211.20	732.61	1,943.81	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				
SWIFTWATER	1,211.20	732.61	1,943.81	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				
WAYNE	4,593.93	2,763.48	7,357.41	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				
BIG CREEK	9,348.82	3,133.41	12,482.23	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				
CHAPARRAL	908.27	360.00	1,268.27	CALVARY	5,037.52	6,039.29	11,076.81	NEW HOPE	1,571.61	1,566.26	3,137.87				

## Guest opinion . . .

# GROWING TOGETHER: Singles and Churches

By Cliff Allbritton

Single adults and churches have been growing together in Southern Baptist life for a long time. This is why a recent study revealed that 28.2 percent of Southern Baptist adults ages 18-59 are single. The single population in the United States represents one of the fastest growing segments of society today with 50.6 million single persons between the ages of 18-64 years or 35.4 percent of the entire adult population. In like manner Single Adult Ministry is one of the fastest growing activities in local churches.

To highlight this emerging ministry, the year 1987-88 has been designated "The Year of the Single" by the Family Ministry Department of the Sunday School Board as the time to emphasize single adult work with the theme, "GROWING TOGETHER: Singles and Churches." Four special events are planned to focus on this emphasis.

The first event, during September 1987 will feature the Labor Day Weekend Conferences Sept. 4-7 at Ridgecrest, N.C. and Glorieta, N.M. Leaders for the Ridgecrest conference will be Jerry Hayne, pastor of Forest Hills Church, Raleigh, NC and author of the book, *GROWING TOGETHER: Singles and Churches*; Julian Suggs, music secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention; Richard Huggins, composer, Edmond, OK; Jean Costner, concert artist, Birmingham, AL; and Story Source, Louisville, KY.

Leaders for the Glorieta Conference will be Bill Pinson, executive director, Baptist General Convention of Texas; Gerald Ware, music associate, First Baptist Church, Richardson, TX; Bob Bailey, recording artist, Nashville, TN; The Ware Triplets, Oklahoma and Texas; Jeanette Cliff George, dramatist, Houston, TX; Jim Towns, Nacogdoches, TX.

Conferences will major on personal growth, leadership development, enriching fellowship, and worship experiences. Personal interest con-

ferences, Bible study, sight-seeing tours, group activities, and sports are included in the Labor Day Weekend. The program theme, "GROWING TOGETHER: Singles and Churches," is expected to attract between 5,000 and 7,000 single adults for the event.

The second Growing Together event will be the observance of Single Adult Day in the churches, Sept. 13, 1987. This special time of the year recognizes and honors single persons for their contributions of service and continuing ministries. Single adults participate in worship services, Bible studies, and present special choral musicals, and enjoy breakfasts and banquets as well as other social and ministry activities. Each church is challenged to make Single Adult Day one of the high points of the year.

The third Growing Together event will be a first — the first Southern Baptist Single Adult Convention ever held. It will be in the new downtown Convention Center and at Opryland U.S.A. in Nashville, TN Memorial Day Weekend — May 27-30, 1988. The four-day gathering is expected to attract an attendance of 8,000 to 10,000 from across the United States. Key speakers will be Joel Gregory, pastor, Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth, TX; Mamie McCullough, the "I Can" lady from Carrollton, TX; Harold Ivan Smith, Kansas City, MO; Dan Yearly, pastor, University Church, Coral Gables, FL; Landrum Leavell, president, New Orleans Seminary; and Brian Harbour, pastor, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, AR.

In addition, a large number of recognized Single Adult leaders and musicians will lead seminars, present testimonies, and provide special music.

After Sunday morning cluster Bible studies and worship, an afternoon of entertainment and Christian music will be enjoyed at Opryland U.S.A. The grand finale will be the world premiere of a new musical commis-

sioned especially for the "Year of the Single."

Churches are urged to send a large representative group of single adults to participate in this historic event. Blocks of rooms in nearby hotels are being held. Tours will be available.

"Single Challenge '88 will be a spectacular celebration and make a positive statement to the nation about what is happening in the lives of single adults and Southern Baptist churches across the land," said Horace Kerr, Supervisor of Single Adult Ministries. "The pastors' breakfast and other special features will help make *GROWING TOGETHER: Singles and Churches* a larger reality in local churches, and the denomination and will enrich the lives of single persons in our world."

The fourth event in the year is a study of the book *GROWING TOGETHER: Singles and Churches* by Jerry Hayner, suggested for local churches during the summer of 1988. Efforts are being made to encourage a record number of single adults to acquire study course credit for this book. Pastors and other church leaders are encouraged to study the book with the single adults.

"These four major events will challenge single adults and churches to strengthen their relationships and enrich their understanding and fulfillment through *Growing Together*," said Kerr.

For a free brochure and information write "GROWING TOGETHER: Singles and Churches," Family Ministry Department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, TN 37234.

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He that thinketh by the inch, but talketh by the yard, deserveth to be kicketh by the foot.

## Peace Committee

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Warren cited as unreasonable a recommendation that, among other things, called for discontinuation of "information/ideological" meetings within SBC groups. "That's a wonderful idea, but Baptists have always organized peripheral groups. We don't think they'll stop now," Warren wrote. Added Pentecost: "The tragic message is loud and clear. A denomination birthed and nurtured by Christian dissenters is now controlled by persons who are determined not to tolerate dissent or those identified with it."

At least two editors said the report did not go far enough in some areas.

Indiana's Simpson noted the report cited theological imbalance at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He questioned why Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary was not included. Simpson previously has editorialized against Temp Sparkman, a Midwestern religious education professor whom he charges with liberalism.

Simpson said the Peace Committee has not searched to find Midwestern's "entangled, misleading and sticky web."

On another front, Wood of Texas said, "Regretfully, the report did not deal with some needed structural changes in the convention nor were names of people mentioned, whether they were professors or denominational politicians, who were considered causes of the controversy."

Editors also expressed frustration with the lateness of the availability of the committee's report. Convention messengers only received the document some 14 hours prior to presen-

tation of the report, not weeks in advance, as previously was indicated.

"A report bearing the status of the Peace Committee's two-year study merits more than a few cursory hours of perusal. For whatever reason, the delay was a hindrance to messengers' understanding and being given enough time for proper study and a knowledgeable vote," said Maryland-Delaware's Allen, echoing sentiments presented by several of his colleagues.

Taken as a whole, the editors generally praised the committee and Chairman Fuller. "The report reflected what I believe were honest attempts to express deeply-held convictions that represent a wide spectrum of viewpoints," said Hudson Baggett of Alabama. "Perhaps the report was the best that could have come," noted Wood of Texas.

Looking to the future, the editors expressed hope tinged with concern. "The Peace Committee is on target when it points out that the nature of our diversity and the rightful place of biblical interpretation can protect from unwanted extremes," wrote Jack Brymer of Florida. "Apparently, 90 percent of the messengers agreed. Baptists want peace with fairness and diversity. It is now time for action, not rhetoric."

"By accepting the Peace Committee report in its entirety, the SBC declared itself to be one body," said the Northwest's James Watters. "By refusing to get entangled in debate about amendments and deletions, the SBC recognized that the direction has already been set by Wisdom greater than our own."

"We hope and pray that individual Southern Baptists will be as intent in following all recommendations of the report as we are in seeing that institutions, agencies and commissions comply," said Clayton of Louisiana.

"If we are, the Peace Committee may well have instituted a process through which reconciliation, and peace as the absence of hostilities, can come."

Marv Knox is feature editor for Baptist Press.

### A Word To The Wise

A slanderer is a guy who says things behind your back he wouldn't say to your face.

A flatterer is a guy who says things to your face he wouldn't say behind your back. — Baptist New Mexican

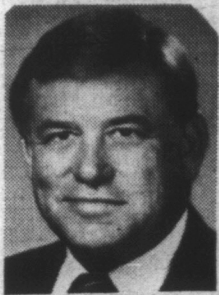


# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARIES

## Paul gives personal testimony before King Agrippa

By Al Finch  
Acts 26:12-20

In the legal courtroom a witness is charged to tell the truth as he experiences it. He can not tell what he heard, or what someone else knows.



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The Christian witness has the same responsibility for truth. He tells only what he experiences and knows about God. He witnesses his experience.

Paul before King Agrippa is allowed to speak in his own defense (Acts 26:1). Paul uses the opportunity to tell his own personal experience with God. Personal safety is secondary to his commitment to share what Christ has done for him. Elements in Paul's testimony will assist us in sharing our own experience with others.

God had been at work in Paul's life to set the

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stage for his experience of conversion (Acts 26:2-12). Conviction of his sin and need for God had grown as he persecuted the Christians.

The encounter with God was an objective experience on the way to Damascus. Paul saw a light and heard a voice (Acts 26:13-14). The event was real; God came to Paul. His life change was not a theory or concept of theology to be discussed but an actual experience. God had sought Paul and found him. God's grace came to Paul in his frustration with Jewish dissenters. As mysterious as such a moment may seem it is a real experience.

Paul understood that his conversion centered in Jesus Christ (Acts 26:15). Face to face with Jesus Christ, Paul discovered his uniqueness as a minister. He saw Jesus! Paul's writings reflected this moment with the living Lord. He

was "in Christ." Christ was embodied in his church. When you put your hand on the church you put your hand on Christ. "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." Paul later wrote "Christ in you the hope of glory." (Col. 1:27). Christianity centers in Jesus Christ.

Paul found the purpose for his life in Christ. "I have appeared unto thee for this purpose to make thee a minister and a witness" (Acts 26:16). The energies of Paul's life were to be redirected as a witness "unto whom I will send thee" (Acts 26:17). The new life of Paul was to be redemptive (Acts 26:18). Those to whom he was sent would receive all of God's provision for life. They would be released from "darkness to light," freed from evil, forgiven of sins, and receive an inheritance.

This discovery of purpose comes to each one who relates his life to God. Sharing what God does for him is part of one's deliverance. A hungry man shares his bread with another who

had no bread. We are to bear vital witness of God's grace out of our own salvation. Our incentive and testimony grow out of our own conversion.

The last element in Paul's conversion is obedience (Acts 26:19-20). "I was not disobedient to that heavenly vision." Paul responded in obedience to the discovery of his encounter. Salvation is completed in obedience. Man must respond to God's grace. The process of salvation is completed in old fashion obedience.

For us, Paul's experience serves as a reminder of our own salvation experience. While our experience may differ from Paul's, the responsibility is the same. The elements in Paul's conversion will assist us in developing our own testimony as a witness to men who need Christ. Write down the elements in your experience with Christ. Share with someone your testimony.

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## John in Revelation describes vision of God's throne

By Rex Yancey  
Revelation 4:1-3, 9 to 5:5, 9-10

In 1971 I was privileged to take a trip to Israel. A preacher from another denomination asked me my view of eschatology. After hearing my answer, he shared his view and said, "I believe that a person is lost if he doesn't believe my view, don't you?" I didn't believe that then, and I don't believe that now! Conscientious Christians hold different views of the consummation of the ages. I feel that the



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statement on eschatology in The Baptist Faith and Message is sufficient for Southern Baptists to cooperate and join hands to seek to win the world. We should keep this thought in mind as we study the Revelation.

The main part of the Apocalypse begins in Chapter 4. Up to this point the materials presented have been preparatory. John is about to witness and share the "Drama of Redemption."

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In verse 1, God issues an invitation to John to come through the open doors to receive a helpful revelation. The Christians in Asia were being persecuted for their faith. They needed more than just a nebulous word that everything would pan out sometime, somewhere.

In verse 2, John depicts God on his throne governing his universe. He is not pacing the floor of heaven, gulping valium, because of the world situation. He is seated. He is ruling. He is not panicking. He is able to bring the church to its ultimate glory.

In verse 3, the stones symbolize some attribute of God. God is never described in the Bible. However, insights are given to suggest his attributes. Perhaps the pure white of the jasper stone symbolizes the holiness of God. The blood red of the sardius stone symbolizes his righteousness. The rainbow is a symbol of hope and mercy. Green was the color of the rainbow. In situations of death there is the hope

of life. The throne of God stands for the majesty of God.

Revelation has been called "a tract for hard times." These Christians were losing their lives, suffering economically, and intimidated because of their faith. They needed to have a vision of a God who was reigning in his world and in his church. This vision would provide encouragement.

The four living creatures stand for everything that is noblest, strongest, wisest, and swiftest in nature. Each has preeminence in his own particular sphere.

The twenty-four elders probably stand for the church in its totality. There were twelve tribes in Israel. John seems to add twelve tribes to include the Gentiles. When we put these two together we get the picture of both nature and man engaged in constant adoration of God.

There is a tremendous truth here. The basic idea behind this is that anything which is fulfilling the function for which it was created is praising God. Wilfred Tyler said, "Even to the point of sharpening a pencil, we ought to do it for the glory of God."

Chapter 4 contains a message on God's power as the Creator. Chapter 5 contains a message on the love of God as the Redeemer.

God had a scroll in his hand. The scroll was made of papyrus manufactured in single sheets about ten inches by eight. The sheets were joined together horizontally when a great deal of writing had to be done.

Since God had much to say to his churches, the scroll contained writing on both sides. This document contained a heavy message. The seven seals may stand for profound secrecy. No unauthorized person could open this document.

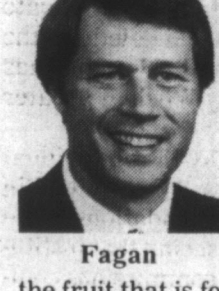
Who is worthy to open the scroll? John looked on heaven and earth and wept because no one came forward. However, one of the elders pointed John to the Lamb who was worthy to open the scroll. This Lamb had paid the price for man's sin. This Lamb made Christians a kingdom of priests. Praise God, worthy is the Lamb!

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## He is the new way — the only way — to righteousness

By Julian W. Fagan III  
Romans 7:4-6, 13-25

Death ends a marriage. Feelings, memories, property, and perhaps children remain, but the marriage is ended. Non-Christians are married to the law. Following the law is their means to rightness before God. They cannot follow the law, however, because of the power of sin.



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True, the law reveals sin, but it also stimulates sin. The natural tendency of man is to desire the very thing that is pointed out as forbidden.

It is not the sweetness of the fruit that is forbidden, but the stealing. Yet, sin tells us it is so sweet that we should steal. It is a marriage which the non-Christian is unable to leave. When the non-Christian believes in Christ, he dies to the law and marries Christ. Christ frees from this bond to sin, and the believer, released from the law, is empowered to live in the Spirit. This new relationship,

however, does not remove all of the feelings, memories, property, and children of that believer's former marriage to the law. Although the marriage is ended, it did exist and impacted the non believer.

In verses 13-15, Paul describes this struggle with sin. It is debated whether Paul is speaking here of the non-Christian life or of the Christian life. If Christian life is in view, is this autobiographical? It seems to this writer, both theologically and from personal experience, that Paul shares his personal experience in struggling with sin as a believer, which struggle is representative of all believers. Non-believers seldom, if ever, agree to the existence of their sinful nature (v. 17), of their slavery to sin (v. 14), or of their inability to do good if they wanted (v. 18).

If Paul is describing a Christian's struggle with sin, our understanding may be aided by amplifying the marriage analogy. Assume that the deceased spouse was evil, but the new spouse

has all the goodness of Christ. Even with all the goodness of Christ, the relationship with the former spouse has lingering effects.

These lingering effects Paul describes as causing at times a war within him (v. 23). The evil (old marriage) seems ever present and there are times when he feels a prisoner to it and it affects even his body. He feels wretched and longs to be rescued (v. 24). This struggle he shares is due to a principle or force within him that prevents his total commitment to his new spouse, Jesus Christ.

The old marriage is over because Christ has caused him to die to the law, and he does belong to another (v. 4), but there are still lingerings from the former marriage which he describes as his sinful nature (v. 25).

In his mind he knows that God's law is good (v. 16), and that it revealed what sin really is (v. 13); but he lived as a human being in sin and that influence still lingers in his humanity even though he no longer is married to the law which stimulated his sin. What a dilemma! — a dilemma of the believer that has been removed only

through Jesus Christ our Lord — thanks be to God! (v. 25)

Believers belong to another — Jesus Christ. He is the groom; the church is the bride. He has by his resurrection overcome the power of sin and death. He is so united with and in the believer that he enables Christians to bear fruit to God. No longer must a believer be bound to the law or the sin it stimulates. Yes, we remember the feelings and memories of our sinful nature and at times they cry, "Encore!" The properties and the possessions of sinful purchase may repeatedly call us home. The children and consequences of the former marriage may cry, "Come back" and "I'm still here," but the bondage to the law and sin is ended, defeated, over.

It is a new state, a new relationship into which we have entered. It is completely true, although in our humanity it is not always entirely experienced. Recognize that you belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, for he is the new way to righteousness — the only way to righteousness.

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# Baptist Record

## Baptist college professor bikes across the country

By Terri Lackey

NASHVILLE — The map Ed Chasteen follows is one of faith and inner strength.

The 51-year-old multiple sclerosis victim and sociology professor at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., is on a 3,000-mile, four-month bicycle trek across the country. He passed through Nashville recently and visited the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Chasteen uses his illness as a drawing card rather than a handicap.

His cause is humanitarianism, specifically, The Human Family Reunion, an organization he founded at the Baptist college where he has taught since 1965.

"I've directed an ethnic center at William Jewell since 1976. Twice a year all types of people, of different creeds and races, get together and get to know each other.

"We don't try to change each other or melt down anybody into a common

mass," Chasteen said. "We're just learning how to relate to people we never knew."

Chasteen's belief in individuality is easily recognizable. He rarely wears a tie. His suit of clothing is blue jeans and a T-shirt, and he lets his students call him 'Ed.'

"I don't believe in titles. Titles tend to evaluate one person over another. We were all born babies," said the trim Chasteen whose only hint of MS is a slight limp.

Through each city he rides (he began at Disney World, Orlando, Fla., and expects to wind up in Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif.) he mentions the family reunion in hopes of getting individual towns to start their own. And he also takes pledges for donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Despite his efforts to focus attention on his cause — "how to like people who are not like you" — the conversation continues to turn to his illness.

In 1981, Chasteen was diagnosed as having multiple sclerosis.

"My doctor told me, 'MS is a damn-able disease. You won't be able to be active,'" Chasteen said.

For three years he said he curled in to a corner and cried.

"I even contemplated suicide."

But one day in 1983 he walked into the garage and spotted his son's bicycle. "I made it down the block, barely. Depression really saps your energy."

But the next thing he knew, he was in a bicycle shop purchasing a \$400 ten-speed.

"The salesman just talked me into it. I couldn't even ride it," he recalled.

But eventually the rides down the block turned into 10-mile excursions, and the 10 miles turned into 100.

"When I made my first centennial — that's what bikers call them first 100 miles — I knew I was going to ride across America."

That was Oct. 29, 1986.

"When I told my wife, Bobbie, she said, 'You'll spend all our money,' and I said, 'No, I won't spend a penny.'"

"Then when she asked, 'What if you die?' I told her I would take out a one-million-dollar life insurance policy."

Bobbie Chasteen had reason to worry. A couple of years ago he had planned to take a weeklong bicycle trip, but after three days he became dehydrated, fainted, fell to the ground and knocked out two teeth.

"She had to come get me in the car," he said.

On his cross-country venture, Chasteen has stuck to his promise not to spend a penny of their own money.

The tab on everything including his \$1,000 bicycle, life insurance policy, safety glasses, meals and flights to and from his beginning and ending destinations, have been picked up by enthusiastic fans.

"I don't even have one penny. Well, I take that back. I have one," he said, digging it from his pocket and laying it on the table. "I found it in the parking lot and I'm going to use it for good luck."

Luck, he apparently doesn't need. When he needs food, someone feeds him. When he needs rest, someone gives him a place to stay. When he needs money, someone hands him a few dollars.

"If I have any left over at the end of the day, by about 5 o'clock or so, I just give it to someone who needs it more than me," said Chasteen, a member of Second Baptist Church in Liberty.

"The Bible says don't store up treasures and don't worry about tomorrow, so I start off each day broke, and I don't have a worry in the world."

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## Quilters gather at Ephesus for fun and fellowship

By Thenetia Jones

It all began about two years ago when we started to build our new auditorium at Ephesus Baptist Church, Scott County.

We were trying to raise extra money by getting together antiques, crafts and all sorts of things for an auction. One of the ladies donated a quilt top, along with the lining and batting. All we had to do was quilt it. This turned out to be very interesting, and we decided to continue our quilting. It started with about six ladies, and sometimes now we have as many as 18 to 20 each week. Some of our ladies are in their 80s.

The day of fun, food and fellowship means a whole lot to our quilters. We have some beautiful work done each week, and we have some of the best cooks in the country. We also have a church cookbook called "Country Cooking" that has become pretty popular. Some of the recipes of the young and old alike are in this book.

Our quilting ladies have quilted the Star of Texas, Lone Star, Grandma's Star, Autumn Leaf, Double Wedding Ring, Seesaw, Shadow Box, Dresden Plate, Duck Quilts, Trip around the World, Dutch Doll, Flat Iron, Tumbler, Nine Patch, Drunkard's Path, Amish Sampler, Octagon, Applique Dogwood, Frame A Print, Triangles, Captive Beauty and many more.

We meet each Tuesday from 9 a.m. until whenever, and around 11:45 a.m. the table is spread with each person's special recipe for that week. There is usually a good variety of things to choose from, anywhere from chicken pie to fresh coconut cake. There's always a fresh pot of coffee or a cold pitcher of tea.

The fellowship is great, but the most important thing is that these ladies are feeling worthwhile and important. They are working to help pay for our beautiful new church. Most of them have little income, and this way they are serving the Lord, too.

Besides all of this, I have learned to love, understand and appreciate our older ladies. We've not only learned how to make quilts, but we've learn-

ed new ways of cooking, how to handle family problems, how they reared their children, how people helped one another in trouble, and lots of the old ways that are often forgotten today.

Sometimes I will catch myself not quilting, just listening to "the good ole days." The ladies have told of how they made soap by butchering hogs and cooking out the lard. They used the leftover cracklins and red devil lye to make lye soap. They told of cooking sweet potatoes and parched peanuts in the fireplace.

We have learned to make homemade hominy. Keep the ashes clean in the fireplace, and then put them in a barrel with water. Let the water drain off slowly and put in a pot with corn to boil. After much cooking, the husks will come off and it's ready. It's delicious!

They told of seeing their mothers use red clay dirt to dye quilt material, and boil walnut bark to color fabric purple. They would boil chinaberries and string them for beads. They might walk a mile to the spring for a bucket of cold water, and put a jar of milk in the spring to keep it cool until needed. They go on and on with stories of old as we quilt away.

If this sounds interesting, there's more to come at Ephesus in July as we celebrate our centennial. We will have a week of revival, July 19-25, with past preachers, and on Saturday we'll have a Brush Arbor service with everyone in clothes of long ago.

In Joshua 14, we read that Caleb was strong and vigorous at 85. His cry was not for the easy places, but rather "Give me this mountain," Joshua 14:12. Not all elderly have this much strength, but we must never think of them as having lost their zest for life or having nothing left to contribute. God's strengthens his children for service, no matter how old. Let's not underestimate our peppy Caleb generation. Remember, youth is not only a time of life, but a state of mind. "What you think, you look; what you think, you do; what you think, you are."

## MasterLife debuts in France with 54

MASSY, FRANCE — The French adaptation of MasterLife, called 'Le Chemin du Maître' (the Pathway of the Master) made its debut June 1-5, 1987, at the French Baptist Center outside of Paris. Fifty-four participants, including nine staff, made the training session one of the largest non-English training sessions thus far in Europe.

"The reason we had such good attendance is indicative of the acceptance of this program by the French Baptist leadership," said Hal Lee, a Mississippian, who was recently named associate director in Europe by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention following his many years of ministry among French Baptists. "The leadership is sold on the program based on their personal experience and on what they have seen and hear in other national unions where the program has already been used."



Ed Chasteen, professor of sociology at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., stopped at the Sunday School Board, Nashville, recently during a cross-country bicycle trip. — Photo by Terri Lackey.

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